

**MIS Essay Rubric**

CATEGORY	3	2	1	Score
<b>Introduction</b>	First paragraph is strong/clear.	First paragraph has a weak "grabber."	No attempt was made to define the issue.	
<b>Accuracy of Facts</b>	All facts presented in the essay are accurate and relate back to the thesis.	Almost all facts presented in the essay are accurate and occasionally relate back to the thesis.	Most facts presented in the story are accurate (at least 70%). Evidence is sputtered about rather than used to prove your thesis.	
<b>Organization</b>	The essay is very well organized.	The essay is pretty well organized.	Ideas seem to be randomly arranged. No effort at paragraph organization.	
<b>Focus on Assigned Topic</b>	The entire essay is related to the assigned topic and allows the reader to understand much more about the topic.	Most of the essay is related to the assigned topic. The essay wanders off at one point, but the reader can still learn something about the topic.	Very little attempt has been made to relate the essay to the assigned topic.	
<b>Mechanics</b>	The essay has few, if any grammatical errors.	The essay has two or three mechanics errors.	The essay has more than five mechanics errors.	
Student _____ Class _____ Total Points _____ Letter Grade _____				