

Rubric for evaluating *Technology Matters* Response Paper

A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Essay is beautifully crafted, thesis is interesting, and supporting arguments are strong. The reader is left with interesting ideas to consider. A joy to read! • There is no redundancy in your essay, each idea is fully developed, and all ideas/evidence contribute convincingly to the overall argument/thesis. • The flow and organization of the essay is elegant and seamless. The thesis is clear and strong and each topic sentence directly supports the thesis and is, in turn, convincingly supported by evidence. • Wording is clear and concise. Level of detail, writing style, & formality are appropriate for your audience. • Few, if any, errors are made in the grammar or mechanics. • Sources were trustworthy, added effectively to the argument, and were cited properly in-text and in the bibliography • The essay reflects an understanding of Nye's ideas as presented in <i>Technology Matters</i> that is accurate and sophisticated for course level.
B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Essay is generally well-written and the basic ideas sound. Revision would improve the strength and sophistication of the argument. • Although the argument is generally clear, there are a few instances of redundancy, incompletely described ideas, inclusion of ideas that are not of direct relevance to the thesis/topic sentence, or weaker evidence; or a few ideas are overstated/generalized beyond what the evidence can support. • There are few, if any, organizational flaws in the paper. Evidence provided routinely supports the topic sentence, and topic sentences routinely support the thesis. The focus of each paragraph is clear. • Wordiness and/or errors in level of detail, style, or formality occur in a handful of instances. • A handful of errors are made in grammar or mechanics. • Sources were trustworthy, complemented/added to the argument, and were cited properly in-text and in the bibliography • The essay reflects an understanding of Nye's ideas as presented in <i>Technology Matters</i> that is generally accurate.
C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Despite some good basic ideas, the argument isn't terribly convincing. Significant revision would be required. • The argument is somewhat unclear or unconvincing. There are a several instances of redundancy, incompletely described ideas, inclusion of ideas that are not of direct relevance to the thesis/topic sentence, or weaker evidence; or several ideas are overstated beyond what the evidence can support. • There are several organizational flaws in the paper. Evidence does not always support the topic sentence or a topic sentence does not support the thesis. The focus of 1-2 paragraphs may not be clear. • Wordiness and/or errors in level of detail, style, or formality occur in several instances. • Several errors are made in grammar or mechanics. • Sources were generally trustworthy, but did not always add to the argument, and/or were sometimes cited improperly in-text and in the bibliography • The essay reflects an incomplete or somewhat inaccurate understanding of Nye's ideas as presented in <i>Technology Matters</i> or integration/mention of Nye's ideas is limited.
D	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Essay lacks some features requested in this assignment. Major revision would be required. • The argument is unclear and unconvincing. Redundancy, incompletely described ideas, inclusion of ideas that are not of direct relevance to the thesis/topic sentence, or weak evidence is routine; or ideas are generally overstated beyond what the evidence can support. • There are many organizational flaws in the paper. Evidence often does not support the topic sentence or topic sentences do not support the thesis. The focus of most paragraphs is unclear. • Wordiness and/or errors in level of detail, style, or formality are frequent and regularly distracting. • Errors in grammar or mechanics are frequent and regularly distracting. • Sources were not trustworthy, sometimes detracted from the argument, and/or were often cited improperly in-text and in the bibliography • The essay reflects an incomplete or inaccurate understanding of Nye's ideas as presented in <i>Technology Matters</i> or integration/mention of Nye's ideas is very limited.
F	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Essay lacks several features requested in this assignment. • The essay organization and argument made have major problems. • Wordiness and/or inappropriate level of detail, style, or formality are consistent and seriously distracting. • Errors in grammar or mechanics are consistent and make the writing appear unprofessional. • Sources of information were not trustworthy, detracted from the argument, and/or were not cited. • No understanding of Nye's ideas as presented in <i>Technology Matters</i> is evident or Nye's ideas are not mentioned/integrated into the essay.