**MLK Essay rubric- 42 points possible.**

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| **Skill** | **Comments** | **Points possible** | **Points earned** |
| Appropriate length, typed, APA format |  | 4 points |  |
| Has a clear introduction that includes a strong background on the speech itself. |  | 4 points |  |
| Introduction has a clear statement and provides a “mini-outline” of how the body will be organized. |  | 4 points |  |
| Adequate content that follows the organization indicated in your intro. |  | 8 points |  |
| Conclusion- Wraps up the information without any new content. |  | 3 points |  |
| You use a minimum of 3 direct quotes from the speech, correctly punctuated and cited.  Quotes are appropriate to proving your thesis. |  | 6 points |  |
| Quotes are correctly imbedded into sentences. |  | 3 points |  |
| No 1st or 2nd person. That means no I, we, you, us, etc. |  | 2 points |  |
| Proper sentence structure. Watch for run-ons and fragments |  | 4 points |  |
| spelling and writing conventions other than commas and quotes |  | 4 points |  |