

Rubric: Research and Writing Process

89-80 (Good)

This essay is thorough and interesting, and presents a strong central idea directly related to your topic. It exhibits most of the qualities of good writing, but lacks the clarity and crispness of an “A” essay. The writer adopts grammatical errors, and these errors do not detract from what the writer is saying. You did follow the handout, “How to Write a Wining Essay”, but for the most part your search strategies could have been stronger.

Your thesis statement is sufficient, but can be much clearer and directly. Your essay provides pertinent examples and details, while your word choice is generally accurate. A good effort is made to frame the essay in such a way as to encourage new avenues of discussion

This essay demonstrates an understanding of the reading assignment and is substantiated by several references to the lectures and readings. For the most part, you did use MLA style effectively and accurately.

Your paper evidences the use of Boolean operators and you understand the purpose and effect of Boolean operators. You also used various information retrieval systems.