

AP[®] English Self-Review Checklist

2021-22

Thesis (1 point)

- Do I **establish a claim in response to the prompt**?
- Does my thesis **go beyond merely restating the prompt** and summarizing background information/sources?
- Does my thesis **clearly take a position** in response to the prompt?

Evidence and Commentary^{*} (4 points)

- Do I include enough **textual support** beyond simply restating the thesis or summarizing background information?
- Are my examples and references **relevant to my thesis**?
- Do I **show understanding of the text** and avoid making assumptions that aren't supported by the text?
- Do I **consistently and clearly explain the relationship** between chosen evidence and the thesis?

Sophistication (1 point)

- Do I demonstrate a **higher-level understanding of the rhetorical situation** in ways such as:
 - Proving an especially nuanced thesis;
 - Recognizing the context and broader implications of the argument;
 - Engaging with counter-arguments;
 - Making effective rhetorical choices or using an especially vivid or persuasive prose style?
- Is this sophistication **part of my argument**, or is it merely a phrase or reference?