

The grading criteria will be the same for each essay regardless of the topic chosen. The scoring rubric is as follows:

| Points | 15 Points | 10 Points | 5 Points | Total Points |
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| Appearance | Student followed guidelines. Student demonstrated vast knowledge about expectations and requirements. | Student attempted to follow the guidelines. Student has some knowledge of the expectations and requirements. | Student did not follow the guidelines. Student shows no knowledge of the expectations and requirements. | |
| Organization | Paper has a clear and concise introduction and conclusion. Paper flows flawlessly. Transitions are obvious and appropriate. | Paper has an introduction and conclusion. Paper flows, but has some confusing areas. Not all ideas expressed are clear. There is some evidence of smooth transitions. | Paper has no clear introduction and/or conclusion. Paper is hard to follow and there is no evidence of any obvious of appropriate transitions. | |
| Validity | Student made at least 3 valid points. Evidence creates a strong argument. | Student made at least 3 points. Paper lacks evidence that would create a stronger argument. | Student had less than 3 points. Lacks any evidence that an argument was created or defended. | |
| Grammar | Paper is free of grammatical errors. Paper is an easy read. | Paper has a few grammatical and/or punctuation errors (Max errors 5) Paper is somewhat easy to follow. | Paper has several grammatical and/or punctuation errors (More than 6 errors). Paper is hard to follow. | |
| Grand Total | | | | |

Essay Topics

Please choose only ONE topic and use the rubric to as your guide for the grading criteria. Essays MUST be written in your own words. The topics are as follows:

- 1. How do you think your Christian upbringing will contribute to your success as a college student? Provide an example of a situation that you might encounter that would cause you to rely on your Christian values. Cite a scripture that pertains to the situation or the solutions.**
- 2. Have you declared a major? If so, what is your major and why did you choose it? Name three (3) African Americans who share this major and describe the significant contributions they made.**
- 3. It appears that today's teens attend church less than they did in past years. Do you agree with this statement? If so, explain why you agree and share ideas of what the church can do to appeal to these teens.**
- 4. The theme of Fairfield Baptist Church is "Denying, Defeating, Destroying Division, and Guarding the Truth." Explain what you believe this mean and how you can apply this mission to your personal life?**