

The Way to Rainy Mountain
Rubric for Final Essays

	<i>Trait</i>	<i>Developing</i>	<i>Competent</i>	<i>Proficient</i>
10%	The essay includes all required parts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • introduction, including title and author • summaries • personal response • conclusion 	Most required parts are present.	All required parts are present.	All required parts are present. They are easy for the reader to identify, and they fit together well.
10%	The essay uses paragraphs effectively.	More than one paragraph should be divided into multiple paragraphs.	Most paragraphs are effective, but one should be divided into multiple paragraphs.	The essay uses multiple paragraphs effectively.
10%	The essay has correct spelling.	More than 3 words are misspelled.	A couple of words are misspelled.	All words are spelled correctly.
10%	The essay has correct capitalization.	More than 3 errors in capitalization are present.	A couple of errors in capitalization are present.	No errors in capital letters are present.
10%	The essay has correct punctuation, including at least one semicolon used correctly.	More than 3 punctuation errors are present and/or no semicolon is present	A couple of errors in punctuation are present and/or the semicolon is used incorrectly.	No errors in punctuation are present, and the semicolon is used correctly.
25%	The essay helps the reader see a scene vividly.	The reader can see some of what the writer describes OR the writer uses vague language.	The reader can clearly see what the writer describes. One vague statement may be present.	The reader can clearly see, hear, feel, smell, and/or taste what the writer describes.
25%	The essay helps the reader see a connection between Kiowa and modern experience.	The reader can see that there is a common theme but must make the connection.	The writer tells the reader the connection.	The reader understands the connection because the writer explains it clearly.
	<i>Other Comments</i>			