# Essay Rubric

**Molokai Youth Summit**  
**Student Voices: Expanding Molokai’s Horizons**  
**Grades 7-12**

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| **Ideas & Content: What makes Molokai unique to you?** | - Includes a clearly presented central idea with relevant facts and/or statistics that makes Molokai unique  
- Provides meaningful insight into why event/experience was memorable | - Includes a central idea with limited facts or statistics that makes Molokai unique  
- Provides little insight into why event/experience was memorable | - Includes a central idea but lacks facts and/or statistics that makes Molokai unique  
- Provides no insight into why event/experience was memorable |
| **Voice: How will you use the Nā Hopena A‘o (HĀ) to empower others?** | - Uses vivid descriptive language and concrete sensory details that describes how you will use the HĀ to empower others | - Uses some descriptive language and concrete sensory details on how you will use the HĀ to empower others | - Awareness of Nā Hopena A‘o (HĀ) is not evident |
| **Organization: Does the reader understand my message that I’m trying to convey?** | - Organizing structure that includes paragraphs  
- Engages reader creatively, relates significant events, and moves to a clear conclusion | - Organizing structure with very few paragraphs  
- Engages reader creatively, relates significant events, and moves to a clear conclusion | - Organization lacks paragraph structure  
- Sequence of events is not present or confusing and fails to engage the reader |
| **Conventions: Is my essay easy to read and understand?** | - Contains few if any errors in conventions that makes the writing easy to read and understand | - Contains few if any errors in conventions that makes the writing easy to read and understand | - Contains so many convention errors that the writing is difficult to follow |
| **Format: Does my essay look professional?** | - Essay is typed and printed on a plain white 8.5 x 11 inch paper with a 1 inch margins on all sides  
- Double-space and in 12 point font  
- Maximum of 3 pages | - Essay is not typed or printed on a plain white 8.5 x 11 inch paper with a 1 inch margins on all sides  
- Essay is not double-space and not in 12 point font  
- Minimum 2 pages | - No essay |
| **Title Page: Does my Title Page grabs the reader’s attention?** | - Title page has the essay title, student’s first and last name, grade level, and school name  
- Title page must be attached to the essay | - Title page does not have essay title, student’s name, grade level, or school name  
- Title page is attached to the essay | - No title page |

**Points Accumulated**