

Manuscript Content and Composition Rubric

200 POINTS

Name _____

Chapter _____

Indicator	Very strong evidence of skill 30–24 points	Moderate evidence of skill 18–12 points	Weak evidence of skill 6–0 points	Possible Points	Total Points
Topic relevance	Topic addresses an issue facing the industry of agriculture.	Topic addresses an issue that may show some relationship to the industry of agriculture.	Topic addresses an issue that is unrelated to the industry of agriculture.	30	
	40–32 points	24–16 points	8–0 points		
Persuasive explanation of position on topic	Position is clearly stated, and ample evidence is provided.	Position is not obvious, and evidence is not clearly provided.	Position is not stated, and evidence is not provided.	40	
	20–16 points	12–8 points	4–0 points		
Alternative viewpoints recognized	Identifies and counters alternative viewpoints	Only identifies alternate viewpoints	Does not identify alternate viewpoints	20	
Logical order and unity of thought	Clearly organized and concise with strong introduction, body and conclusion layout	Good organization with few statements out of place or lacking in clear construction	Little to no organization is present; sometimes awkward and lacking construction	20	
	35–28 points	21–14 points	7–0 points		
Spelling/grammar (sentence structure, verb agreement, etc.).	Spelling and grammar are extremely high quality with two or less errors in the document.	Spelling and grammar are adequate with three to five errors in the document.	Spelling and grammar are less than adequate with six or more errors in the document.	35	
	30–24 points	18–12 points	6–0 points		
Quality of resources	Resources are from reputable sources.	Resources are from questionable sources.	Resources are unreliable and invalid.	30	
Manuscript written according to guidelines	5 points		0 points		
Double-spaced & formatted to 8½ x 11-inch paper with 1-inch margins 12-point serif (Times new roman, Cambria, etc.) or sans serif font (Ariel, Calibri, etc.)				5	
Cover page with speech title, participant's name, state and year				5	
	15 points		0 points		
APA style for references and citations				15	
TOTAL POINTS EARNED OUT OF 200 POSSIBLE					