

Assessment Rubric: Sustainability Essay Evaluation

Content Understanding

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Critical Thinking & Analysis

- Evaluates multiple viewpoints regarding renewable energy challenges.
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Structure & Organization

- Clear introduction establishing context and thesis statement.
- Logical sequencing of ideas throughout the essay.
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Writing Quality & Mechanics

- Grammar, punctuation, and spelling meet academic standards.
- Sentence structure supports clarity and readability.

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Use of Sources

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Accreditation & Professional Standards

- Meets expectations for college-level writing competency.
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