

“Mentor” Essay – Critique Rubric

Directions: Use this rubric to evaluate the author's essay. While this rubric is specific to the prompt formula, every prompt is slightly different, so interpret the rubric according to the particular scholarship's requirements!

PARAGRAPH #1: INTRODUCTION / PROBLEM

Story/Essay Element	Yes/No	Comments
Clearly identifies personal flaw or obstacle the author was struggling with.		
Gives 1 concrete detail of the flaw/obstacle .		
Briefly explains why this flaw/obstacle had to be overcome (for self and others).		
Transitions by introducing the first scene where the Mentor appears.		

General Paragraph Notes:

PARAGRAPH #2: COMPLICATION

Story/Essay Element	Yes/No	Comments
Clearly depicts meeting the Mentor, and describes him/her with 1-2 vivid image(s).		
Explains the Mentor's first choice that introduced a new goal to author's life.		
Comments on how the Mentor's choice challenged the author to improve the flaw or overcome the obstacle .		
Transitions by hinting at what must be sacrificed to attain success.		

General Paragraph Notes:

PARAGRAPH #3: CLIMAX

Story/Essay Element	Yes/No	Comments
Portrays the Mentor's second sacrificial choice in a specific scene.		
The scene includes 1-2 vivid detail(s).		
Comments on how this choice caused the author to form new goals and plan for new choices .		
Transitions with brief comment on growth and lessons learned from the Mentor.		

General Paragraph Notes:

PARAGRAPH #4: CONCLUSION

Story/Essay Element	Yes/No	Comments
Reflects on how the Mentor's sacrifice benefitted both self and others.		
Reflects on how personal flaws were improved through this journey.		
Mentions future goals , and notes how they have been shaped through this experience.		
Includes a brief note of gratitude.		
Mentions current relationship with Mentor		

General Paragraph Notes: