**WRD 110 Discovery Essay Rubric**

**Wiser, Fall 2012**

**Minimum Requirements Checklist**

* The essay meets the required minimum length of 1500 words (not counting the heading or Works Cited page).
* A minimum of 4 sources are used, including 2 primary (at least 1 must be an interview) and 2 secondary sources.
* The essay is formatted according to MLA and uses MLA guidelines for citing research.
* The essay is turned in on time, and all instructions for submitting are followed.

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| Category | No attempt | Needs Improvement | Good | Comments |
| Thesis statement is clear, logical, and arguable. |  |  |  |  |
| Thesis statement is supported by relevant, meaningful evidence that is fully developed and explained |  |  |  |  |
| The paper goes beyond mere ‘reporting’ of facts and information and analyzes the importance of that information |  |  |  |  |
| Follows a logical organization with clear and meaningful transitions between ideas |  |  |  |  |
| Contains an introduction and conclusion that are relevant to the topic and frame the paper in a logical way |  |  |  |  |
| Contains clear, graceful, error-free writing |  |  |  |  |
| Properly uses MLA format and citation of sources |  |  |  |  |