

## RUBRIC FOR RESPONSE TO A CONTROVERSIAL ISSUE

	A (95)	B (85)	C (75)
<b>INTRODUCTION</b>	Writer is able to clearly and concisely introduce the topic through analysis and synthesis of existing views/ perspectives	Writer attempts to introduce the topic through analysis and synthesis of existing views/ perspectives	Writer fails to introduce the topic through analysis and synthesis of existing views/ perspectives
<b>THESIS</b>	There is a clearly stated, defensible thesis statement that addresses a central theme of the piece(s)	There is a thesis statement that addresses a central theme of the piece(s), but it may not be clearly stated or easily defensible	Thesis statement is missing, unclear, or indefensible
<b>EVIDENCE</b>	Well-chosen, specific examples from the text(s) offer thesis substantive support	Many examples from the text(s) offer thesis support	Examples from the text(s) are not well-chosen or fail to support thesis
<b>COUNTERARGUMENTS</b>	Writer assesses and addresses counterarguments thoughtfully and effectively	Writer tries to assess and address counterarguments	Writer fails to assess and/or addresses counterarguments