

Merchant of Venice Essay Rubric

Name _____

Target	5	4	3	2	Feedback
Thesis and Contentions <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Clear, concise, arguable thesis• Contentions clearly support thesis• Demonstrates critical thinking• Arguments are distinctive and unique					
Evidence <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Meaningful evidence supports assertions• Quotes are directly related to argument• Well-prefaced passages• Quotes are integrated smoothly into writer's sentences• Strong, appropriate transitional elements					
Organization/Style <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Informative introduction grabs attention• Body paragraphs are clearly organized around separate ideas• Strong topic sentences• Summative conclusion offers insight into argument• Varied sentence structure• Engaging word choice					
Format/Mechanics <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Displays overall accuracy• Writing conventions are followed and may be manipulated for stylistic effect• MLA guidelines are followed closely					