



## Accurate Sahli Style Sahli's Mule Rules

These tips **must** be followed for **each** writing assignment. The exception will be discussed in class.

- **Each** paper will have an introduction. At the end of this intro will be a thesis statement. Do not hit me in the face with a frying pan. BUILD INTEREST FIRST.
- Write the thesis statement with positive words and do not start it with the word “there”.
- The conclusion will be at the end of the paper. It must close the paper without offering any NEW information. Conclusions should not begin with “in conclusion,” “all in all,” or any other unnecessary statement.
- **Start** no sentence with *there* or *this*.
- The papers will be logically ordered with an identifiable topic for each paragraph, and a *complete* set of details for each topic.
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- **You** is not a word to include in your writing. NO YOU’S ALLOWED! You must have a very specific audience for this word to be useful.
- **I** park my car on a lot. Do not use the words “a lot” - find a healthy alternative. A lot of words can be used instead.
- Do not use slang. Write with formal English – That is why we are here.
- **WORD PROCESS!** Every paper handed in will be typed. **NO HANDWRITTING ALLOWED ON ANY TYPED PAPER!!!** (not even names) Papers with handwriting on them will not be accepted.
- Your name will be in the **header**-upper right hand corner. It will be accompanied by date of assignment. Learn how to use headers.
- Font will be size 12 and Times New Roman font. Yes..even the header.
- Avoid these words: “going to” “gonna” “stuff” improper “like” overuse of “thing(s)”
- Avoid repetition of your favorite words.
- **Papers** will be 1.5 spaced unless otherwise noted. I **will not** accept a single-spaced paper. No extra spacing between paragraphs will be accepted. (select whole document Spacing button-remove space)

## SAHLI ESSAY SCORING GUIDE

This guide is just a guide to Sahli essay scoring. Keep it and refer to it periodically. It also may change as situations demand.

### TOP SCORE

- The top score is a word choice and punctuation score.
- This score is usually out of 15.
- Every error counts for .5 points off of 15
- Top score must be edited for half points back. No edit=0 on paper
- Edit errors directly on the page. DO NOT reprint

### EDITING MARKS ON PAPER

- An X in the margin represents a punctuation error in that line of text.
- If there is more than one X, there is more than one error.
- Circles, parenthesis, underlines all represent word choice errors.
- All of these errors MUST be edited for writer to receive credit on paper.
- DO NOT reprint the paper
- Fix errors directly on the paper with a different colored pen/pencil

### BOTTOM SCORE

- Bottom score is usually out of 50
- Bottom score is organization, development, ideas and knowledge
- Bottom score cannot be edited

### COMMON ERRORS

- Introductory clauses. Sentences that begin with WHEN or IF or other subordination adverbs will usually need a comma after the whole clause.
- If you begin the sentence with “when”, you do not need a “then” after that clause.
- Do not write “so that” when just the conjunction “so” will work.
- Pronoun agreement. The pronoun “one” is singular. Do not refer back to that pronoun with “they”
- “Many people in the world?” Where else would they be?
- “In order to” Stop it.
- People will be referred to as “who” Not “that”
- Definitely or defiantly? Darn spell check Granted or Granite? Darn spell check
- Semi colons separate complete clauses. If it is a complete idea and another complete idea, writers will need to separate with a semi colon (;)
- “on how” “on what” Bad construction Stop doing this
- A sentence will not start with “how”