*Just Mercy* Essay Rubric

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| **Prompt:** Using a theme from *Just Mercy,* identify an issue and fully explain it providing contributing factors that lead to the problem, then identify existing solutions, and provide a new solution and justify why it is needed. | **Advanced** | **Proficient** |
| **Research Standards:**  RL.KID.1  RL.KID.2  RL.IKI.7 | Requirement for Proficient **PLUS**:  Depth of understanding by identifying contributing factors that lead to the problem | Evidence that shows problem & identify unique problem. Select issue in specific place/area. |
| **Innovation/Analysis Standards:**  RL.IKI.8  RL.IKI.9 | A modified Solution that works for the US.  Research that shows the solution should work | Clear solution - existing or new solution. |
| **Presentation/Speaking Standards:**  SL.CC.1  SL.CC.3  SL.PKI.4 | In depth justification for why plan is needed. | Detailed plan of idea outlined. |

**Minimum Requirements:**

* Less than 5 grammar, spelling, and punctuation errors.
* MLA Format.
* Three or more sources.
* Five or more paragraphs.
* Issue identified and explained.
* Existing solution and new solution explained.