Written work in Dr. Vered’s classes is assessed according to the criteria below. When your work is handed back, you will receive a sheet like this with comments and scores for each area.

Essays are graded from a total of 100 marks

Student ____________________________

Mark _______ Grade _______

Essay Assessment Criteria and Marks

Content

Understanding of texts (readings)
Evidence and use of research and quotation
Original thought on issue
Provision of examples and evidence
Addressing the question thoroughly and creatively

Style

Clarity of writing
Engaging style (keeps the reader interested)
Expression
(paragraphs, sentences, punctuation, grammar, vocabulary, spelling)
Adequate and correct referencing of source material

Organisation

Introduction states the problem (question) and the position (thesis)
Ideas follow logical construction, linked with smooth transitions, and form a position
Effective conclusion
Annotations and Abbreviations in Marking

I often circle some of the text when it needs correction or editing. The reason why the text is circled is often noted in the margin nearby. These are the most common notations I make on student papers. If you have questions about any marks or notations that I make on your work, please ask in class (others may also share your question) or see me during office hours.

rep = repetitious (you’ve used the same word twice in a sentence or in sequential sentences; a practice to avoid)

# or # agreement or # agr. = this means your noun and verb do not agree in number; you have mismatched a plural and a singular (the soundtrack were very loud; there is two reasons why…) I often underline the words that do not agree

tense = you have shifted verb tense in the middle of a thought

frag = sentence fragment; the sentence is missing a verb and thus is only a phrase and not truly a sentence

w/c = word choice; you haven’t used the word correctly or you have chosen a word that is not the best for the contextual meaning that is already implied in your work.

awk = awkward sentence construction or syntax

¶ = new paragraph; make this the beginning of a new paragraph

ˇ = insert

(Delete/omit is indicated by a sort of sideways cursive e; there is no symbol in this program to replicate it. I usually make this symbol on the word that should be eliminated.)

Other common mistakes

Titles of TV shows are not italicised; they are put in quotation marks “Buffy”

Titles of films are italicised or underlined; not both and not in quotes.