

Criteria and Rubric for Holiday Shopping Essay Project

What is Expected:

In your essay, you made clear:

- You had to buy Christmas or Hanukah gifts for your children.
- You had a \$250 budget
- Where you “shopped”
- The names and ages of your children and a little bit about their personalities and likes and interests (which support your toy choices)

In a separate **OPENING PARAGRAPH** you introduced your children and the task.

In a separate paragraph for each child:

- Explained what you bought for that child and its cost.
- EXPLAINED WHY you chose the gift that you did.
- Explained how this relates to your child’s personality or interests.

In the closing paragraph:

- Summed up your thoughts and feelings about your choices and how you think your children will respond to the gifts.
- A good, thoughtful essay is one where the reader learns what makes your kids tick, how well you know your child/ren, and what your values are as a parent. (Are you a parent who spoils? One who encourages? One who is somewhat clueless to your child/ren’s wants and needs?)
- This rubric is completed.

Rubric

Assessment	What it takes to earn the assessment
4	Your essay is detailed, vivid, entertaining, and thoughtful. You supported the choices you made by connecting the choices to your child[ren]’s personalities.
3	Most directions were followed and project is reasonably interesting and attractive.
2	Your essay lacks detail, focus, or supporting reasons for your choices.
1	Incomplete, or missing.

I have assessed my own project and I think it should be given a _____

Teacher’s Assessment _____