

AP English Exam Free-Response Essay Grading Scale

9 Filet Mignon	From the first taste to the last mouthful, it is excellent and consistent with no unappetizing morsels. There are <i>oohs</i> and <i>aaahs</i> in each bite.
8 New York Strip	A tasty, great steak! The bites are uniform with just a rim of fat.
7 T-Bone	A good steak with an excellent part—the small part, the filet. The majority of the steak is consistent and filling.
6 Chicken Fried Steak	Better than a burger. Though the meat is pedestrian in some ways, there is enough seasoning to make it interesting.
5 Hamburger	It's adequate and filling, but it has a sameness about it. Almost everyone can make a hamburger.
4 Hot Dog	By itself, it isn't much. It needs condiments—mustard, onions, relish—to make it palatable. It has the appearance of something adequate but fails because it lacks the necessary augmentation.
3 Vienna Sausage	The ingredients consist of some of the good but mostly the bad and the ugly. It's survival food, nothing else.
2 Spam	Hurricane rations: it's a hodgepodge of all sort of meats—most not identifiable.
1 Potted Meat	We have no idea what's in it—perhaps everything and nothing—a last ditch effort of food.