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Scoring Criteria

Content Score 1-10 (10 is best score)	Presentation Score 1-8	Grammar and Spelling Score 1-6
<p>Most important criterion—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Is the essay positive and does it affirm the value of integrity?• Does it include a clearly articulated example of how integrity helps individuals and/or society?• Did the essay make you both think and feel?• Did you learn something special and compelling about the author and/or the value of integrity?	<p>Important criterion—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Is the essay easy to read?• Is it clearly written?• Were you able to tell exactly what the author was trying to share?• Do the ideas and paragraphs flow smoothly?	<p>Criterion—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Unless there are many glaring mistakes that suggest a sloppy and unedited essay, proper grammar and spelling are least important. However, judges should determine to what extent poor grammar and spelling might distract a reader from understanding the basic message of the essay.

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