

CCLE DIALECTIC ESSAY RUBRIC

MECHANICS (50 possible points)	Below Average 1 – 3	Average 4 – 7	Excellent 8 – 10	Score
Punctuation	2+ mistakes	1 mistake	0 mistakes	
Capitalization	2+ mistakes	1 mistake	0 mistakes	
Spelling	2+ mistakes	1 mistake	0 mistakes	
Within word count	Too many or too few words (assign 0 points)		Within word range (assign 10 points)	
Grammar	2+ errors	1 error	0 errors	
COMPOSITION (50 possible points)	Below Average 1 – 3	Average 4 – 7	Excellent 8 – 10	
Response to prompt with Lutheran theological understanding¹	Does not address prompt with any Lutheran understanding	Addresses prompt with mostly true Lutheran understanding	Addresses prompt with thoroughly Lutheran theological understanding	
Dialectic structure: thesis/antithesis/synthesis	Unclear or missing thesis, antithesis, and/or synthesis	Dialectic structure present but weak	Strong dialectic structure clearly present	
Reasoning supported by evidence (logic)	No reasoning apparent; no or weak support as evidence	Reasoning apparent with supporting evidence	Reasoning apparent with excellent supporting evidence	
Transitions, verb choice, varied sentence structure	No transitions, weak verbs, mostly simple sentences	Some transitions, some strong verbs, some use of complex and compound-complex sentences	Excellent transitions, strong verbs, varied sentence structure from simple to compound-complex	
Author's voice & style	Lacking and/or understated	Emerging, inconsistent	clearly & strongly consistent	
TOTAL				

Student Name: _____

¹Lutheran theological understanding focuses on these questions: Is it Christ-centered and focused on God's action? Does it discuss God's Word and Sacrament? How? Does it draw on themes from *Luther's Small Catechism*? How?