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Essay Grading Rubric

Use the following criteria to guide you as you write your essay.

| | Level 4 | Level 3 | Level 2 | Level 1 |
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| Historical Content | Contains significant relevant, accurate and descriptive historical details and facts to support argument | Contains moderate relevant and accurate historical facts and details to support argument | Contains some historical content and/or contains significant errors and historical inaccuracies | Contains no historical content |
| Argument and Analysis | Insightful analysis of the effectiveness of Kennedy's leadership, examining changes over time | Analyzes the effectiveness of Kennedy's leadership, tracing changes over time | Somewhat analyzes the effectiveness of Kennedy's leadership | Off-topic essay or overly simplistic treatment of the topic |
| Diction, Grammar, and Fluency | Contains no grammatical mistakes. Fluent writing supported with vivid diction on grade level | Contains few grammatical mistakes. Fluent writing supported with grade-level diction | Contains some grammatical mistakes. Fluency and appropriate diction are partially apparent | Contains many grammatical mistakes. Does not use grade-level diction and fluency |

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