



## SECME National Score Sheet Essay Competition

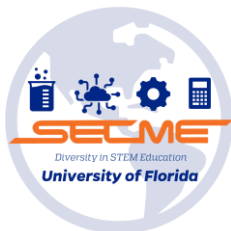
<b>Name (or Student Code)</b>	<b>Categories</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Non – Fiction <input type="checkbox"/> Science – Fiction
<b>Grade</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 6 <sup>th</sup> <input type="checkbox"/> 7 <sup>th</sup> <input type="checkbox"/> 8 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Topics</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Digital Citizenship <input type="checkbox"/> Technology <input type="checkbox"/> STEM Role Model <input type="checkbox"/> Parallel Universes <input type="checkbox"/> New Technologies <input type="checkbox"/> Time Travel
<b>Title of Essay</b>	

**School Name**

**School District**

**Section 1: Organization – 30%**

Points Earned	Possible Points	Criteria	Judge’s Remarks/Feedback
	5	<b>Cover Page:</b> The student’s cover page is required to have the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The SECME Student’s Name and Grade</li> <li>2. Competition Type</li> <li>3. School Division</li> <li>4. the SECME Student Chosen Topic</li> <li>5. Official School Name</li> <li>6. Official School District Name</li> <li>7. School City and State</li> <li>8. SECME Coordinator’s Name and Email</li> </ol>	
	15	<b>Works Cited Page (MLA format):</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Does the student have a Works Cited page listing all sources used to support their chosen essay topic?</li> <li>• Does the student have a Works Cited page in MLA format?</li> </ul> <p>For a guide on MLA formatting, please use the following:  <a href="https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/research_and_citation/mla_style/mla_formatting_and_style_guide/mla_formatting_and_style_guide.html">https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/research_and_citation/mla_style/mla_formatting_and_style_guide/mla_formatting_and_style_guide.html</a></p>	
	10	<b>Grammar, spelling, and formatting:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is the student’s writing free of spelling errors, punctuation errors, and sentence errors (e.g., misplaced sentence parts, subject/verb agreement issues, and sentence fragments, run-ons)?</li> <li>• Is the student’s essay double-spaced with 1-inch margins and written in a 12-point font?</li> <li>• Does the student’s essay include an introduction, well-structured body paragraphs, and a conclusion?</li> </ul>	



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Section 2: Essay – 70%		
10		<b>Adherence to Topic:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Does the student’s writing address the chosen topic effectively?</li> <li>Does the student’s writing maintain focus and relevance throughout the essay?</li> </ul>
15		<b>Originality and Coherence:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Does the student’s writing present an original perspective?</li> <li>Is the essay age-appropriate, logical, and cohesive?</li> <li>Does the student maintain a strong and convincing voice?</li> <li>Does the student maintain a well-organized and logically structured essay with appropriate transitions?</li> </ul>
10		<b>Creativity:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Does the student’s writing show creativity and imagination?</li> </ul>
30		<b>Analysis and Use of Evidence:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Does the student demonstrate a deep understanding of their chosen essay topic?</li> <li>Does the student utilize credible sources effectively to support arguments made in their essay?</li> <li>Does the student ensure ideas are fully developed and well-supported by the sources in their Works Cited page?</li> <li>Does the student integrate sources into their essay content in a way that enhances their argument?</li> <li>Does the student ensure that the evidence from their sources is relevant, accurate, and convincing?</li> </ul>
5		<b>Word Count:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Does the student’s essay meet the required word count of 500 – 750 words?</li> </ul>

Judge’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Overall Feedback:

Section 1 Points	/30
Section 2 Points	/70
<b>Total Points</b>	<b>/100</b>