

**Sanborn Regional School District**  
**Social Studies Rubrics**  
**Economics Essay Grades 9-12**

Score 5	Score 4	Score 3	Score 2	Score 1
The essay shows excellent knowledge and understanding of economic concepts and principles. The essay:	The essay shows very good knowledge and understanding of economic concepts and principles. The essay:	The essay shows adequate knowledge and understanding of economic concepts and principles. The essay:	The essay shows limited knowledge and understanding of economic concepts and principles. The Essay:	The essay shows little or no knowledge and understanding of economic concepts and principles. The essay:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ includes the highest level of analysis as evidenced by clearly and thoroughly developed argument</li> <li>▪ indicates that economic principles addressed may be applied to other situations</li> <li>▪ may articulate links and relationships not explicitly stated in the topic</li> <li>▪ uses accurate graphs that are integrated with the narrative</li> <li>▪ conveys knowledge and ideas in an excellent manner; uses precise economic terminology</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ includes high level analysis as evidenced by effective interpretation and argument</li> <li>▪ develops argument with specific, pertinent information</li> <li>▪ identifies essential economic concepts using appropriate economic terms</li> <li>▪ defends positions taken with economic justifications</li> <li>▪ introduces and discusses examples not mentioned in information provided</li> <li>▪ uses an accurate graph that is integrated with the narrative</li> <li>▪ conveys knowledge and ideas in an effective manner, uses accurate economic terminology</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ interprets main idea accurately and clearly with some analysis</li> <li>▪ moves beyond complete reliance on information provided</li> <li>▪ refers to cause and effect</li> <li>▪ substantiates opinions offered</li> <li>▪ may include a graph with a few omissions and/or mistakes</li> <li>▪ conveys knowledge and ideas in a satisfactory manner; uses appropriate economic terminology</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ introduces and discusses the topic relying only on information provided</li> <li>▪ reaches some conclusion though arguments may be irrelevant and/or incorrect</li> <li>▪ contains a simple application of economic concepts</li> <li>▪ gives some reason for opinions offered</li> <li>▪ has rudimentary organization of ideas but may not be focused</li> <li>▪ may include a graph with significant errors or no relationship to the topic</li> <li>▪ conveys knowledge and ideas in a simple manner; uses imprecise economic terminology</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ restates the topic provided but does not reach any conclusions</li> <li>▪ may offer opinion without relevance, reasons, or economic concepts</li> <li>▪ includes no graph or one that is clearly irrelevant</li> <li>▪ conveys knowledge and ideas in a minimal manner; uses incorrect economic terminology</li> </ul>