

## The Association of Black Psychologists Essay Contest Evaluation Rubric

**Directions:**

1. Have at least 2 readers score every essay using the rubric below
2. After all essays have been scored combine the final scores from each reader
3. The winner of the contest has the highest combined final score

**Name of Reviewer** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Essayist** \_\_\_\_\_

**Check Essay Topic Chosen**

1. Provide a brief explanation for why this activity would have an effect and if relevant, include the psychological theory, construct, or research that supports what you propose.	
2. Create or describe a mindfulness activity that could be used in an EE Circle to help people connect with the cognitive, behavioral, emotional, and perhaps spiritual experience of the stress of racial micro-aggressions.	
3. Describe a circle activity that could help Circle participants develop a deeper connection to one another.	
4. What can people in EE Circles do, to defy the lie of Black inferiority and Embrace the Truth of Black Humanity?	

**Organization:**

Criteria	Circle One Score	Comments
Paragraphs were properly divided – not too long.	100	
Well organized, but seemed to meander at times	90	
Well organized, but needed significant improvement	80	
Meandered from point to point & needs significant improvement	70	
<b>TOTAL</b>		

**Analysis**

Criteria	Circle One Score	Comments
Conceptually driven, with a theme or thesis, offers solutions	100	
Thematic , but uneven	90	
Lacking in analytical rigor, just a recap or summary	80	
Mere summary	70	
<b>TOTAL</b>		

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### African-Centered

Criteria	Circle One Score	Comments
Reveals a keen sense of African-centered approaches, cites relevant authors	100	
Shows African-centeredness, but not very specific	90	
Leans in a more “multicultural” direction	80	
Pre-Encounter, blaming the victim	70	
<b>TOTAL</b>		

### Writing Quality

Criteria	Circle One Score	Comments
Sharp, clear, economical, technically perfect	100	
Same as above, with room for minor improvement	90	
Wordy, or had a few grammatical or punctuation problems	80	
Has a lot of grammatical and punctuation problems	70	
<b>TOTAL</b>		

### Publishability

Criteria	Circle One Score	Comments
Easy to imagine this in a Psych Discourse. Mature voice	100	
Very nearly publishable, but not geared toward a broad audience	90	
Suitable as a class paper, but sounds just like what it is	80	
The tone and style is rather amateurish, like you’re writing for me or you	70	
<b>TOTAL</b>		

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### Final Score

Categories	Score from each category above	Comments
<b>Organization</b>		
<b>Analysis</b>		
<b>African Centered</b>		
<b>Writing Quality</b>		
<b>Publishability</b>		
<b>FINAL SCORE</b>		