**Rubric for Identity Paper**

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| **Category** | **9/8 Sophisticated** | **7/6**  **Effective** | **5/4**  **Adequate** | **3/2/1**  **Inadequate** |
| **Content** | Takes a sophisticated position that clearly defines the personal identity of the author and elaborates upon that identity vividly through descriptions of details regarding the social group derived from research. Explanation of the identity has support that is appropriate, convincing, and insightful. | Takes an effective position that clearly defines the personal identity of the author and elaborates upon that identity through descriptions of details regarding the social group derived from research. Explanation of the identity is appropriate and convincing. | Takes an adequate position that clearly defines the personal identity of the author and elaborates upon that identity with sufficient support. Explanation of the identity is appropriate and sufficient. | Explanation of the identity and support for that identity through description of membership in a group is limited, unconvincing, or insufficient |
| **Voice** | Strong personal voice and expression of original ideas | Effective personal voice and expression of some originality | Adequate voice but may need more originality of expression | Writing lacks much cohesion of personal expression |
| **Research** | The paper fluently synthesizes different research elements into the essay and blends those sources into the essay in a sophisticated fashion | The paper effectively synthesizes different research elements and clearly uses those sources in the paper | Sources are used but the synthesizes of the sources may be limited (one or more sources may be missing) | Sources may not be used or the connection between the sources and the topic of identity may be uncertain |
| **Organization and Writing Style** | The paper has a sophisticated organization and a mature writing style  \*9 essays will be particularly strong in style, use off sources, or sophistication of written style | Effective written style though not flawless;  7 Essays will have stronger support or a clearer written style | Adequate and clear writing though style may be functionary and show little flair | May have significant errors which impede comprehension |