

Critical Stance "Ice Cream" Rubric

For Answering Critical Stance Questions

2 scoops = Above Goal
1 scoop = Meets Goal
0 scoops = Below Goal

These indicators describe the traits of each level of performance. A typical response may have some traits of one level and some traits of another level. A student's grade is based on what level the scorer thinks best describes the overall quality of the student's response.

2 scoops – Excellent



- Answer relates specifically to the topic.
- Answer shows that you extended your thinking by using examples from your own life, in addition to the text.
- Purposefully and thoughtfully shows higher-level thinking.

1 scoop – Proficient



- Answer relates somewhat to the topic.
- Answer shows some thought, but does not extend much beyond the literal analysis.
- Shows some higher-level thinking.
- Includes some relevant examples or support.

0 scoops – Insufficient



- Answer barely relates to the topic, if at all.
- Response does not demonstrate higher-level thinking or analysis.