Professional Resume Rubric

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Audience & Purpose	 Audience is clearly addressed & resume is tailored to audience. Purpose is clearly stated in the Objective section. 	 Audience is addressed but resume needs more focus tailoring it to audience. Purpose is generally clear but needs to be specified in Objective. 	 Audience is implied but not clearly addressed. Purpose is implied but not clear. 	 Audience is not clear and little attempt made to tailor resume to audience. Purpose is not clear. 	 Resume does not indicate attention to a particular audience. Purpose is not clearly stated.
Language & Style	 Strong, clear action words used consistently. Concise wording in phrases. Clarity of expression is consistent. 	 Majority of phrases begin with action words. Phrases need attention to concision and clarity. 	 Some use of actions words. Phrases often wordy, needing revision to make them more concise and clear. 	 Minimal use of action words. Phrases need revision to make them concise and clear. 	 Resume does not use action words. Phrasing is wordy and lacks focus.
Presentation & Format	 Follows a reverse chronological format. Uses clear & appropriate headers to organize information. Demonstrates attention to professionalism. 	 Resume uses a reverse chronological format but may contain some errors. Headers are used but may need revision to make them appropriate / professional. 	 Resume attempts to use a reverse chronological format, but needs revision. Headers used but need revision for concision and professionalism. 	 Resume does not use reverse chronological format. Resume needs much work to use appropriate headers. 	 Resume does not have a clear design format. Headers are not used or are used incorrectly or inappropriately.
Grammar & Mechanics	 Resume is free of grammatical errors. Resume is free of punctuation errors. 	 Resume contains 1-2 grammatical errors. Resume contains 1-2 punctuation errors. 	 Resume contains 3-4 grammatical errors. Resume contains 3-4 punctuation errors. 	 Resume contains 4-5 grammatical errors. Resume contains 4-5 punctuation errors. 	 Resume contains more than 5 grammatical and/or punctuation errors.
Reflective Essay	 Thoughtfully addresses purpose of assignment as stated on assignment sheet. Responds thoughtfully & reflectively to all 6 questions. 	 Essay addresses purpose of assignment. Essay responds to 4-5 of the questions. Some, but not all, responses are thoughtful & reflective. 	 Essay generally responds to the assignment but response is weak. Essay responds to only 3 of the questions. Essay needs more reflection and supporting details. 	 Essay does not fully respond to assignment. Essay responds to 2 or fewer questions. Essay does not offer reflection or supporting details. 	 Essay does not respond to assignment. Essay does not address any of the questions. Essay offers no reflection.

