



# Your “verdict?” = 1-paragraph Essay **RUBRIC**



**Write a paragraph to submit to Governor Alvan Fuller and the Lowell Committee.** Choose **one founding ideal** and describe whether it was **advanced or restricted** during the postwar period. Explain how the advancement or restriction of this ideal may have **helped or hurt Sacco and Vanzetti** in their trial.

**Persuasion:** *Write passionately about the American ideal and use the Sacco and Vanzetti trial “facts” & details to voice your OPINION to Governor Fuller & the Lowell Committee.*

*Adv. (9-10): extremely convincing arguments & evidence; committee was clearly right or wrong*

*Prof. (7-8): somewhat convincing arguments & evidence; committee questioned (may be right or wrong)*

*Basic (6 or less): minimal arguments and/or evidence; little attempt to address the committee (may lack awareness of task)*

**Historical Content:** *Utilize the trial & hearing “facts” and details to support your view and explain the impact on your selected American ideal.*

*Adv. (15-13): precise details utilized effectively to evaluate impact on selected American ideal and Sacco & Vanzetti legal case*

*Prof. (12-11): adequate details utilized to evaluate the impact on selected American ideal and Sacco & Vanzetti legal case*

*Basic (6 or less): minimal details improperly used to evaluate the impact on selected American ideal and Sacco & Vanzetti legal case*

**Conventions/Details:** *Write clearly using proper spelling, grammar, sentence structure (1-pg. max.), plus VISUAL.*

*Adv. (9-10): excellent writing with few or no errors; well-developed 1-page paragraph and appropriate picture(s)*

*Prof. (7-8): effective writing with minor errors; 1-page paragraph and/or picture NOT exemplary (may be missing)*

*Basic (6 or less): largely ineffective writing with many errors; minimally-developed paragraph; picture is inappropriate or missing*

- a clear thesis that states your position?
- two pieces of evidence that support your topic sentence?
- an explanation of how each piece of evidence supports your topic sentence?

**America’s Founding Ideals:** equality, rights, liberty, opportunity, democracy