

TENACITY HISTORY

2026-2027 RUBRIC

Team Name _____

	18 to 20 points	15 to 17 points	0 to 14 points
Thesis, Organization and Logic	Thesis responds to the prompt and makes a strong claim. All ideas flow logically; the argument is identifiable, reasonable, and sound. Presenters ably communicate the complexity of the question and make novel connections that illuminate the thesis.	Thesis responds to the prompt and makes a clear claim. Well organized, logical, easy to follow argument. Presenters perceive the complexity of the questions and occasionally make insightful connections to the evidence.	Thesis is not clear or does not respond fully to the prompt. Logic may often fail, or the argument may often be unclear. Oversimplifies the questions. May also contain inconsistencies or contradictions.
	21 to 26 points	15 to 20 points	0 to 14 points
Depth of Understanding of the two periods	Argument includes: - A compelling understanding of the changing political, economic and cultural conditions between the 2012 and 2024 presidential campaigns. - A compelling examination of the issues surrounding both elections - A compelling hypothesis regarding the reasons for the shift in Black voter participation and Black and Latino support for an African American candidate	Argument includes: - A thoughtful understanding of the changing political, economic and cultural conditions between the 2012 and 2024 presidential campaigns. - An examination of the issues surrounding both elections - A strong hypothesis regarding the reasons for the shift in Black voter participation and Black and Latino support for an African American candidate	Argument includes: - An ineffective understanding of the changing political, economic and cultural conditions between the 2012 and 2024 presidential campaigns. - The examination of the issues surrounding both elections is incomplete - A simplistic regarding the reasons for the shift in Black voter participation and Black and Latino support for an African American candidate
	21 to 26 points	15 to 20 points	0 to 14 points
Compare and Contrast	- Masterfully compares and contrasts the role that the candidates themselves, Obama vs. Romney and Harris vs. Trump, played in relation to the changing voting patterns - Eloquently explains significant parallels or differences regarding voter response to the Obama and Harris candidacies	- Thoughtfully compares and contrasts the role that the candidates themselves, Obama vs. Romney and Harris vs. Trump, played in relation to the changing voting patterns - Clearly explains significant parallels or differences regarding voter response to the Obama and Harris candidacies	- Ineffectively compares and contrasts the role that the candidates themselves, Obama vs. Romney and Harris vs. Trump, played in relation to the changing voting patterns - Poorly explains significant parallels or differences regarding voter response to the Obama and Harris candidacies
	12 to 14 points	6 to 11 points	0 to 5 points
Originality/ Creativity	HIGH	MEDIUM	LOW
	12 to 14 points	6 to 11 points	0 to 5 points
Presentation and Works Cited	Facial expressions, body language, volume and voice inflection generate a strong interest and enthusiasm about the topic in others. -Proper format -Mix of primary and secondary sources -Use of expert primary sources that enhances overall argument	Facial expressions, body language, volume and voice inflection generate an interest and enthusiasm about the topic in others. -Mostly correct format/citations -Overreliance on secondary sources	Facial expressions, body language, volume and voice inflection generate little interest and enthusiasm about the topic in others. -Limited secondary and primary resources and/or not included
Total	84 to 100 points	57 to 79 points	0 to 52 points