

Trop Jr Assessment Rubric Years 9–10

Criteria	Excellent (4)	Good (3)	Developing (2)	Needs Work (1)
Originality & Creativity	Concept is highly original, demonstrates complex ideas, and reflects strong creative risk-taking. Themes are nuanced and thought-provoking.	Concept is creative and shows some originality and thematic awareness.	Concept is somewhat predictable with limited thematic development or depth.	Concept lacks originality and complexity; minimal creative effort.
Storytelling	Narrative is sophisticated, cohesive, and compelling. Strong pacing, clear structure, and well-developed characters with depth and motivation.	Narrative is mostly clear and engaging, with some character development and logical sequencing.	Narrative is inconsistent or lacks depth. Characters and pacing need improvement.	Narrative is confusing or incomplete. Little sense of structure or characterisation.
Use of Signature Item	Signature item is incorporated seamlessly and symbolically, enhancing meaning and narrative impact.	Signature item is included appropriately and makes sense in the story.	Signature item is present but feels forced or superficial.	Signature item is missing or irrelevant to the narrative.
Technical Achievement	Highly deliberate and effective use of advanced film language: framing, composition, camera movement, lighting, sound design, continuity editing, and post-production. Visuals and audio are polished and purposeful.	Good use of technical elements with some creative choices. Mostly clear and coherent.	Limited technical control; noticeable issues with continuity, sound, or editing.	Minimal technical effort; poor sound or visuals significantly affect viewing.
Entertainment Value	Film is highly engaging, emotionally resonant, or intellectually stimulating. Strong sense of purpose and audience appeal.	Film is enjoyable and holds audience interest.	Film has some engaging moments but lacks overall impact or clarity of purpose.	Film struggles to engage or communicate meaning effectively.