**RUBRIC**

**Essay about the History and Mission of Their CEL Organization**

This essay is worth **8** points. Don’t directly penalized students for poor writing (e.g., grammatical or spelling errors, run-on sentences) … but if their writing is not clear, of course their grade may suffer. Essays turned in up to one week late receive no more than **4** points; those turned in more than a week late will be read and will receive feedback but will get **0** points. We don’t accept papers any way other than Canvas.

FOR ESSAYS TURNED IN ON TIME: Give 1.0 points each for questions 1, 4, 5a (or 6a), and 5b (or 6b). Give 2.0 points each for questions 2 and 3.

FOR ESSAYS TURNED IN LATE: Cut the maximum point value for each question in half.

This essay should be about **1,000 words**. Deduct points from specific questions/answers for lack of completeness. That is, don’t just deduct points for brevity … deduct for inadequate content (which will come with brevity).

FINALLY: If the student says they just could not figure out the answer to the question, be lenient. If they *acknowledge* the question but couldn’t find an answer … or if the question really has no answer … consider giving partial credit.

The Questions:

1. Why, when, and by whom was your organization founded or opened?
2. What problems does the organization seek to solve, or what issues does it address?
3. How does your organization try to solve those problems or address those issues?
4. Who are the people that your organization serves or helps?
5. If your organization is a school:
   1. What grades does your school include? How many students are there? What is the racial/ethnic composition of the school’s students?
   2. How do the school’s test scores and “report cards” compare to other schools in the district? In the state? [This web site](http://rc.education.state.mn.us/#mySchool/p--1) may be useful.
6. If your organization is not a school:
   1. How does your organization identify its clientele, or how does its clientele come to be served by your organization?
   2. Where does the money come from to support your organization?