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Clarity and Focus

The essay contains a **clear, focused, and effective central idea** that **thoroughly** addresses the demands of the prompt and **fulfills the writing purpose**.



Development

The essay develops the **central idea** with well-chosen, **relevant facts**, definitions, **concrete examples**, quotations, etc. that **purposefully address** the audience's understanding of the **topic**.



Organization

The essay uses an **organizational structure** with **appropriate** and **varied transitions** that show relationships between and among complex ideas. The **structure creates** a sense of **cohesion** throughout the essay, and includes both an introductory paragraph, as well as a concluding statement/paragraph, that clearly follows from and supports the ideas given.

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Reading Comprehension and Written Expression

The student response

- addresses the prompt and provides effective and comprehensive development of the claim or topic that is consistently appropriate to task, purpose, and audience;
- demonstrates full comprehension of ideas stated explicitly and inferentially by providing an accurate analysis;
- uses clear reasoning supported by relevant text-based evidence in the development of the claim or topic;

is effectively organized with clear and coherent writing;



Language and Style

The essay has an **established**, **formal style** and objective tone that is maintained throughout. The writing uses **precise language** and **domain-specific vocabulary** to inform or explain the topic in a way that addresses the complexity of the topic.

Written Expression

- is effectively developed with narrative elements and is consistently appropriate to the task;
- establishes and maintains an effective style.



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Clarity and Focus

The essay contains a mostly clear and focused central idea. The writing is effective in addressing the demands of the prompt and fulfilling the writing purpose.

Reading Comprehension and Written Expression

The student response

 addresses the prompt and provides mostly effective development of claim or topic that is mostly appropriate to task, purpose, and audience;



Development

The essay develops the central idea with relevant facts, definitions, examples, quotations, etc. that address the audience's understanding of the topic.

- demonstrates comprehension of ideas stated explicitly and/or inferentially by providing a mostly accurate analysis;
- uses mostly clear reasoning supported by relevant text-based evidence in the development of the claim or topic;



Organization

The essay uses an **organizational structure** with **appropriate transitions** that show relationships between and among ideas throughout the essay. An introductory paragraph is present and the concluding statement/paragraph follows from the information given.

is organized with mostly clear and coherent writing;



Language and Style

The essay has an **established**, **formal style** that is maintained throughout.

The writing generally uses **precise language** and **domain-specific vocabulary** to inform or explain the topic.

Written Expression

- is mostly effectively developed with narrative elements and is mostly appropriate to the task;
- establishes and maintains a mostly effective style.



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Developing



Clarity and Focus

The essay contains a **central idea** that **may not be completely clear or fo- cused**. The writing **does not completely address** the **demands** of the prompt, **nor fulfill the writing purpose**.



Development

The essay develops a central idea with some facts, definitions, examples, quotations, etc.; however, they may not be the most appropriate or effective supports and/or may be used inconsistently throughout the essay.



Organization

The **organizational structure** of the essay is **inconsistent** and/or **ineffective**. Some transitions may not completely or effectively show relationships between and among ideas throughout the essay.

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Reading Comprehension and Written Expression

The student response

 addresses the prompt and provides some development of claim or topic that is somewhat appropriate to task, purpose, and audience;

- demonstrates basic comprehension of ideas stated explicitly and/or inferentially by providing a generally accurate analysis;
- uses some reasoning and text-based evidence in the development of the claim or topic;

· demonstrates some organization with somewhat coherent writing;



Language and Style

The essay **attempts a formal style** that **may not be maintained** throughout. The writing uses **some precise language** that may be domain-specific at times in order to inform or explain the topic.

Written Expression

- is developed with some narrative elements and is generally appropriate
 to the task;
- has a style that is somewhat effective.



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Emerging



Clarity and Focus

The essay does not have a clear, focused, and effective central idea that addresses the demands of the prompt and fulfills the writing purpose.

Development

The essay does not develop a central idea with facts, definitions, examples, quotations, etc. Some details to develop the ideas may be present, but may not be used effectively to develop the central idea.



Organization

The **lack of structure** and **effective transitions** make the essay **difficult to understand**. The essay is missing entire structural elements, such as an introductory paragraph and/or concluding statement/paragraph.

Reading Comprehension and Written Expression

The student response

 demonstrates limited comprehension of ideas stated explicitly and/or inferentially by providing a minimally accurate analysis;

- addresses the prompt and provides minimal development of claim or topic that is limited in its appropriateness to task, purpose, and audience;
- uses limited reasoning and text-based evidence;

· demonstrates limited organization and coherence;

Language and Style

The essay does not have a formal style. The language is general and may not help to fulfill the purpose of informing or explaining the topic.

Written Expression

- is minimally developed with few narrative elements and is limited in its appropriateness to the task;
- has a style that is minimally effective.