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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**. The central idea is significant, meaningful, and engages the audience.



Development

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



Organization

The essay uses an **organizational structure** that enhances ideas and development with **appropriate, varied transitions** that show relationships between and among complex ideas. The structure also helps to make **i**mportant connections and distinctions between ideas, linking major sections of the text and creating a **sense of cohesion throughout**. The essay has an engaging introductory paragraph, as well as a thoughtful concluding statement/paragraph that follows from and supports ideas presented.

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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**, including sophisticated genre-specific strategies, such as analogy or figurative language. The essay informs or explains the topic in a way that addresses the complexity of the topic and attends to the conventions of the discipline.

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 **clear, focused**, and **effective central idea** that thoroughly addresses the demands of the prompt and **fulfills** the **writing purpose**. The central idea appropriately engages the audience.



Development

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



Organization

The essay uses an **organizational structure** with **appropriate, varied transitions** that show relationships between and among complex ideas. The structure also helps to make important connections and distinctions between ideas, linking major sections of the text and **creating a sense of cohesion** throughout. The essay has an introductory paragraph, as well as a concluding statement/paragraph that follows from and supports ideas presented.

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;
- 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;

• is **organized** with **mostly 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 manages the complexity of the topic and attends to the norms and conventions of the discipline.

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 and focused**. The central idea **may not be completely effective** in **addressing the demands** of the **prompt**, fulfilling the writing purpose, or appropriately engaging the audience.



Development

The essay develops the central idea with relevant facts, definitions, examples, quotations, etc. that generally address the audience's understanding of the topic. The writing may not sufficiently develop the central idea with support and details or the support and details may not be well-chosen.



Organization

The essay uses an **organizational structure** with transitions that shows **relationships between and among ideas**. The writing **may create** a **sense of cohesion** throughout, including an introductory paragraph and/or concluding statement/paragraph. The concluding statement/paragraph follows from and supports the ideas presented.

Reading Comprehension and Written Expression

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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/or effective central idea that addresses the demands of the prompt. The writing does not appropriately engage the audience, nor fulfill the writing purpose.



Development

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



Organization

The **lack of structure** and **transitions** make the essay **difficult to understand**. Entire structural elements are missing, such as an introductory paragraph and/or concluding statement/paragraph, or the structural elements do not properly follow from and support the ideas presented.

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 not precise or domain-specific 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.