

Rubric

Paragraph



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Notes	Topic clearly stated; detailed, relevant notes support topic; quotes text or cites particular part	Topic stated; relevant notes support topic	Topic stated; some relevant notes support topic	Topic not clearly stated; incomplete notes
Title	Short; catchy; announces topic	Announces topic	Uses "Essay"	No title
Introductory Sentence	Clearly states purpose; includes title and author	States purpose; leaves out title or author	States purpose; leaves out title and author	Purpose not stated; leaves out title and author
Text Evidence	Includes three or more pieces of evidence using relevant text details; includes an inference from text details	Includes two pieces of evidence using relevant text details	Includes one piece of evidence using relevant text details	Includes one piece of evidence with general or sketchy details
Conclusion	Wraps up well; adds more to think about	Wraps up well; doesn't add more to think about	Wraps up by repeating introduction	No conclusion
Writing Conventions	Uses complete sentences; varies sentence openings; uses strong verbs and specific nouns	Uses complete sentences; varies sentence openings; needs to revise some verbs and nouns	Two run-ons; sentence openings are the same for several sentences; weak verbs or nouns	Has several run-ons; needs to vary sentence openings; needs to indent paragraph