	4 - Exceeds Expectations	3 - Meets Expectations	2 - Partially Meets Expectations	1 - Does Not Yet Meet Expectations
Topic	Introduces topic clearly and thoroughly, previewing what is to follow; contains title, author, and genre of text	Introduces topic clearly, previewing what is to follow; contains title and author of text	Introduces topic in an incomplete or unclear way; contains the title or author of text	Does not introduce the topic; does not contain any information about the text
Evidence	Develops topic and relevant, sufficient, well-chosen evidence from text(s).	Develops topic with sufficient, relevant evidence from text(s)	Does not use relevant evidence from text(s)	Does not use relevant evidence from text(s)
Elaboration (Analysis)	Elaborates upon evidence thoroughly with accurate, insightful analysis	Elaborates upon evidence with accurate analysis	Elaborates inaccurately or off topic	Does not elaborate on evidence
Conclusion (Resolution)	Provides a strong conclusion that follows from, supports, and expands on the focus	Provides a conclusion that follows from and supports the focus	Provides a conclusion that is incomplete or may not follow from the focus	Does not provide a conclusion
Conventions	Shows strong command of grammar, mechanics, spelling, and usage; errors are minor and few.	Show consistent command of grammar, mechanics, spelling, and usage; occasional errors do not significantly interfere with meaning	Shows inconsistent command of grammar, mechanics, spellings, and usage; some errors interfere with meaning	Does not show command of grammar, mechanics, spelling, and usage; error significantly interfere with overall meaning, and writing is difficult to follow