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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 in a way that contributes important ideas to the topic or related field.



Development

The essay develops the **central idea** with highly significant, well-chosen, **relevant facts**, extended definitions, **concrete examples**, quotations, etc. that thoroughly address the audience's understanding of the topic in a **logical and reasonable** way.



Organization

The essay uses an **organizational structure** where each new element builds to create a **unified whole**. The structure enhances and develops the central idea with **appropriate**, **varied transitions** that show relationships between and among complex details. The structure also helps to make important connections and distinctions between ideas, linking major sections of the text and creating a clear 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 to inform or explain the topic in a way that addresses the complexity of the topic and attends to the norms 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 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 important 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 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 clear, focused, and effective **central idea** that addresses the demands of the prompt and **fulfills the writing purpose**. The **central idea engages** the **audience** to **some degree**.



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** that enhances ideas 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.

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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 has a **functional style** that **may be maintained** throughout. **At times**, the writing uses **some precise language** that **may be domain-specific** 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 contains a **central idea** that **may not be completely clear** and focused; the central idea also **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 a central idea with facts, definitions, examples, quotations, etc. The writing may not feature details that sufficiently develop the central idea or may incorporate details that are not well-chosen, generally addressing the audience's understanding of the topic.



Organization

The **lack of structure** and **appropriate, varied, and effective 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 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 an effective style that is maintained throughout the essay. The language is general and may not 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.