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| Title Page | Title Your Name, Teacher's Name, Course Period, Date, Neatly finished-no errors | Evidence of four | Evidence of 3 | Evidence of 2 or less | Absent | |
| Thesis Statement | Clearly and concisely states the paper's purpose in a single sentence, which is engaging, and thought provoking. | Clearly states the paper's purpose in a single sentence. | States the paper's purpose in a single sentence. | Incomplete and/or unfocused. | Absent | |
| Introduction | The introduction is engaging, states the main topic and previews the structure of the paper. | The introduction states the main topic and previews the structure of the | The introduction states the main topic but does not adequately preview the structure of the paper. | There is no clear introduction or main topic and the structure of the | Absent | |
| Body | Each paragraph has thoughtful supporting detail sentences that develop the main idea. | Each paragraph has sufficient supporting detail sentences that | Each paragraph lacks supporting detail sentences. | Each paragraph fails to | Not applicable | |
| Organization-Development of the Idea | Writer demonstrates logical and subtle sequencing of ideas through well-developed paragraphs; transitions are used to enhance organization. | Paragraph development present but not perfected. | Logical organization; organization of ideas not fully developed. | No evidence of structure or organization. | Not applicable | |
| Conclusion | The conclusion is engaging and restates the thesis. | The conclusion restates the thesis. | The conclusion does not adequately restate the | Incomplete and/or unfocused. | Absent | |
| Mechanics | No errors in punctuation, capitalization and spelling. | Almost no errors in punctuation, capitalization and | Many errors in punctuation, capitalization and spelling. | Numerous and distracting errors in punctuation, | Not applicable | |
| Usage | No errors sentence structure and word usage. | Almost no errors in sentence structure and word usage. | Many errors in sentence structure and word usage. | Numerous and distracting errors in sentence structure | Not applicable | |
| Citation | All cited works, both text and visual, are done in the correct format with no errors. | Some cited works, both text and visual, in the correct format. | Few cited works, both text and visual, are done in the correct format. | Absent | Not applicable | |
| Bibliography | Done in the correct format with no errors. | Done in the correct format with few errors. | Done in the correct format with some errors. | Done in correct format with errors. | Absent | |

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