Guiding Questions for Essay Analysis

Development

1. How many quotes from the text are used in each paragraph? __________________________

2. Do the explanations connect back to the claim (position) and support it? __________________________

3. Do the texts and explanations of text make sense together? __________________________

4. If 4=Adv, 3=Prof, 2=Basic, 1=BB, what would you score this essay’s development based on the answers you gave to these questions? ________

Focus and Organization

1. Does the paper have an introduction with an attention getter, background, and good thesis? If not, what is it lacking? __________________________

2. What is the claim/argument/position? __________________________

3. Does the introduction state the titles or authors of the articles? __________________________

4. List the topic of each body paragraph. __________________________

5. Is the counterclaim presented and refuted effectively? Does the counterclaim flow logically with the rest of the paragraph, or does it seem out of place? __________________________

6. Is the paper organized logically? If not, what doesn’t make sense? __________________________

7. Does the paper have an effective conclusion that stresses the argument and gives a call to action? If not, what should be added? __________________________

8. If 4=Adv, 3=Prof, 2=Basic, 1=BB, what would you score the paper’s focus and organization based on your answers to these questions? __________________________

Language

1. Does the paper use precise and effective vocabulary? __________________________

2. Does the paper have varied sentences? (not elementary or repetitive) __________________________

3. Does the paper use sophisticated transitional phrases? Give examples. __________________________

4. Does the paper use formal language? __________________________

5. If 4=Adv, 3=Prof, 2=Basic, 1=BB, what would you score this section? __________________________

Conventions

1. Do the grammatical errors interfere with the meaning of the essay? __________________________

2. If 4=Adv, 3=Prof, 2=Basic, 1=BB, what would you score this section? __________________________

Overall

1. Write one praise indicating best part of this essay. __________________________

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2. Write one polish indicating what should be revised to improve the essay. __________________________

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