Criteria	BEGINNING	DEVELOPING	APPLYING	EXTENDING
Introduction Paragraph Hook Thesis Outlines main ideas	 There is no hook, or the hook is not at the beginning of the introduction There is no thesis statement The introduction does not outline any main ideas to be discussed in the essay 	 The hook is not very interesting and does not grab the reader's attention The thesis vaguely states the main idea of the essay The introduction outlines some of the main ideas to be discussed in the essay 	 The hook is interesting and attempts to grab the reader's attention The thesis clearly states the main idea of the essay, but also includes some irrelevant details The introduction outlines all 3 main ideas to be discussed in the essay 	 The hook is very interesting and immediately grabs the reader's attention The thesis clearly states the main idea of the essay, and does not include irrelevant details The introduction effectively outlines all 3 main ideas to be discussed in the essay
 Body Paragraphs Topic sentence Supporting sentences Concluding sentence Transition words 	 There are no topic sentences in any of the body paragraphs Most body paragraphs do not have at least 3 supporting sentences There are no concluding sentences in any of the paragraphs Most body paragraphs do not have any transition words 	 Most of the body paragraphs have topic sentences; but topic sentences vaguely state the main idea of the paragraph Most body paragraphs have at least 3 supporting sentences; some supporting sentences may be irrelevant to the main idea of the paragraph Most body paragraphs have concluding sentences; concluding sentences do not create a transition to the next paragraph Most body paragraphs have at least 2 transition words 	 All the body paragraphs have topic sentences; topic sentences; topic sentences clearly state the main idea of the paragraph, but sometimes include irrelevant details All body paragraphs have at least 3 supporting sentences; all supporting sentences are relevant to the main idea of the paragraph; supporting sentences sometimes repeat details All body paragraphs have concluding sentences; concluding sentences attempt to create a transition to the next paragraph Most body paragraphs have at least 3 transition words; 	 All the body paragraphs have topic sentences; topic sentences clearly state the main idea of the paragraph, and do not include irrelevant details All body paragraphs have at least 3 supporting sentences; all supporting sentences are relevant to the main idea of the paragraph; supporting sentences do not repeat details All body paragraphs have concluding sentences; concluding sentences effectively create a transition to the next paragraph All body paragraphs have at least 3 transition words; shows appropriate variation

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Concluding Paragraph Restating thesis Summarizes main ideas	 Concluding paragraph does not restate the thesis Concluding paragraph does not summarize main ideas discussed in the essay 	 Concluding paragraph restates the thesis but also alters the meaning of the thesis Concluding paragraph summarizes most main ideas discussed in the essay 	 Concluding paragraph restates the thesis without altering the meaning of the thesis Concluding paragraph effectively restates the thesis without altering the meaning of the thesis Concluding paragraph effectively summarizes all the main ideas discussed in the essay, but repeats what was written in the introduction paragraph 		
Writing Conventions Spelling, punctuation, capitalization, grammar Complete sentences	 Frequent errors in spelling, punctuation, capitalization, grammar often interfere with meaning Many run-on sentences or fragments 	Noticeable errors in spelling, punctuation, capitalization, grammar sometimes interfere with meaning Some run-on sentences or fragments	 Few errors in spelling, punctuation, capitalization, grammar; these do not interfere with meaning Most sentences are complete and correct; includes a few run-on sentences or fragments Few errors in spelling, punctuation, capitalization, grammar; these result from attempts to use complex language and structures, and do not interfere with meaning Sentences are complete and correct; may have some problems when using more 		
Self-Reflection What I did well in my writing:			Teacher Feedback What you did well in your writing:		
1)			1)		
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How I can improve in my writing: 1)			How you can improve in your writing: 1)		
2)			2)		