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Thesis Statement	Clearly & 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	State's the paper's purpose but takes multiple sentences to become clear to reader.	Incomplete or unfocused statement.	No Evidence	10	
Introduction	The introduction is engaging, states the main topic and previews te structure of the paper.	The introduction states the main topic and previews the structure of the paper.	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 paper is missing	No Evidence	10	
Body	Each paragraph has thoughtful supporting detail sentences that develop the main idea.	Each paragraph has sufficient supporting detail that develop the main idea.	Some paragraphs lack supporting details in their sentences.	Each paragraph fails to develop the main idea	Not Applicable	20	
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Mechanics	No errors in punctuation, capitalization and spelling.	Almost no errors in punctuation, capitalization and spelling.	Many errors in punctuation, capitalization and spelling.	Numerous and distracting errors in punctuation, capitalization and spelling.	Not Applicable	10	
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