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Written Expression	<p>Introduces the text(s) being analyzed, engages the reader, and clearly states a compelling thesis, preparing the reader for what is to follow.</p> <p>Concluding statement is interesting and leaves a thoughtful impression on the reader.</p>	<p>Clearly states the topic, references the text being analyzed, and establishes a clear thesis.</p> <p>Concluding statement links and supports information/ explanation.</p>	<p>States the topic but in an unclear or incomplete way, and establishes a vague thesis.</p> <p>Concluding statement ends with a brief wrap-up of topic but may not leave the reader feeling fully informed.</p>	<p>Subject for the analysis is unclear or is lacking a thesis.</p> <p>Writing has no clear end point and leaves the reader hanging.</p>
Development of Ideas & Internal Structure	<p>Text based analysis develops ideas fully, elaborating on well-chosen details from the work.</p> <p>Analysis provides unique insight into the meaning of the text, extends beyond the text to a deeper connection to life and human experience.</p> <p>Smooth and varied transitions propel the reader and advance ideas.</p>	<p>Text based analysis develops ideas consistently, explaining relevant details from the work.</p> <p>Analysis offers a clear and explicit interpretation of the text and goes beyond a literal retelling.</p> <p>Appropriate transitions connect and clarify the relationships between ideas.</p>	<p>Text based analysis, while present, develops ideas briefly or incompletely with limited explanation of related details.</p> <p>Analysis may be predictable with a literal interpretation and a tendency to retell.</p> <p>Transitions are unclear.</p>	<p>Text based analysis, if present, may be general with irrelevant or vague details.</p> <p>Analysis may offer a confused interpretation or may not connect to the text.</p> <p>Information is presented in an illogical order with necessary transitions missing.</p>
Word Choice & Tone	<p>Precise language is consistently and accurately used.</p> <p>Style and tone enhances credibility, is maintained throughout, and appropriate to topic, purpose, and audience.</p>	<p>Precise language is frequently and accurately used.</p> <p>Establishes and maintains a formal style and tone appropriate to topic, purpose, and audience.</p>	<p>Precise language is used inconsistently or sometimes inaccurately.</p> <p>Attempts, but does not maintain a formal style and tone that is appropriate to topic, purpose, and audience.</p>	<p>Precise language is rarely used or inaccurate.</p> <p>Style and tone is inappropriate for topic, purpose, and audience.</p>
Conventions	<p>Errors, if present are minimal and do not distract the reader.</p> <p>Integrates direct quotes following a standard format and/or paraphrases ideas from the text.</p>	<p>Errors do not impede communication and rarely distract the reader; minimal editing needed.</p> <p>Integrates direct quotes following a standard format and/or paraphrases ideas from the text.</p>	<p>Errors impede communication in some portions of the response; editing needed.</p> <p>Attempts to integrate direct quotes and/or paraphrase ideas from the text, but inconsistently uses a standard format.</p>	<p>Errors severely impede communication; considerable editing needed.</p> <p>If another's work is integrated, there is no attempt to quote.</p>