

Points	Ideas	Organization	Voice	Word Choice	Conventions
6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • clear, complete understanding • honest and insightful • deep understanding of theme, plot, etc. • direct references • effective support • creative 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • states clear position • the opening provides a clear focus • introduction is effective and compelling • evidence is thorough • effective sequence of ideas and transitions • effective conclusion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • writer's voice is clear • voice perfectly matches subject matter and audience 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • word choice is precise and accurate • vivid and effective • literary terms are used appropriately • sentences vary in length/structure • transitions are smooth 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • all words spelled correctly • no errors in usage, grammar, punctuation • no errors in capitalization
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • clear understanding • honest and thoughtful • understanding of theme, plot, etc. • suitable references • general support 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • states a position • the opening provides a focus • introduction is clear and effective • evidence is clear • generally effective sequence of ideas • proper conclusion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • writer's voice is consistent • voice matches subject matter and audience 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • word choice is generally precise • effective • literary terms are used • sentences vary somewhat • transitions are generally smooth 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • almost all words spelled correctly • almost no errors in usage, grammar, punctuation • almost no errors in capitalization
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • basic understanding • makes a point • some understanding of theme, plot, etc. • some references • partial support 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • implies a position • the opening generally provides a focus • introduction is clear • evidence is general • somewhat effective sequence of ideas • suitable conclusion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • writer's voice is somewhat consistent • voice generally matches subject matter and audience 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • word choice is not always precise • not always vivid • literary terms are sometimes used • sentences similar • transitions used sometimes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • few spelling errors • few errors in usage, grammar, punctuation • few errors in capitalization
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • little understanding • unclear point • incomplete understanding of theme, plot, etc. • few references • ineffective support 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • suggests a position • opening unclear • introduction unclear • evidence is unclear • somewhat ineffective sequence of ideas • unclear conclusion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • writer's voice is somewhat inconsistent • voice doesn't always match subject matter and audience 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • word choice can be imprecise • not very vivid • literary terms are rarely used • sentences can lack variety • transitions rare 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • some spelling errors • some errors in usage, grammar, punctuation • some errors in capitalization
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • incomplete understanding • vague • little understanding of theme, plot, etc. • misused references • very little support 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • unclear position • opening unfocused • introduction unfocused • evidence lacking • somewhat illogical sequence of ideas • unfocused conclusion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • writer's voice is inconsistent • voice doesn't match subject matter and audience 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • word choice not precise • rarely descriptive • literary terms are misused • sentences occasionally vary • transitions inept 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • spelling errors impact clarity • errors in usage, grammar, punctuation impact clarity • several errors in capitalization
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • no understanding • makes no point • no understanding of theme, plot, etc. • no references • no supporting evidence 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • no position • no opening • introduction not clear • no evidence given • random sequence of ideas and no transitions • no conclusion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • writer's voice is not consistent or sincere • voice inappropriate for subject matter and audience 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • word choice haphazard • not descriptive • literary terms are rarely used • sentences rarely vary • transitions missing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • many spelling errors • many errors in usage, grammar, punctuation • many errors in capitalization