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| **Category** | **Exceeds**  **10-9** | **Meets**  **8-7** | **Nearly Meets**  **6-5** | **Does Not Meet**  **4-3** | **No evidence**  **0** | **Score** |
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| **Thesis Statement** | Clearly and 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. | States the paper’s purpose in a single sentence. | Incomplete and/or unfocused. | Not applicable |  |
| **Introduction** | The introduction is engaging,  states the main topic and  previews the 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 |  |
| **Body** | Each paragraph has thoughtful supporting detail sentences that develop the main idea. | Each paragraph has sufficient supporting detail sentences that develop the main idea. | Each paragraph lacks supporting detail sentences. | Each paragraph fails to develop the main idea. | Not applicable |  |
| **Organization-Structural Development of Idea** | Writer demonstrates logical  and subtle sequencing of ideas  through well-developed  paragraphs; transitions are  used to enhance organization. | Paragraph development  present but not perfected. | Logical organization;  organization of ideas not fully  developed. | No evidence of structure or  organization. | Not  applicable |  |
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| **Work Cited Page** | Done in the correct format  with no errors. Includes more  than 5 major references | Done in the correct format  with few errors. . Includes 5  major references | Done in the correct format  with some errors. Includes 4 major references. | Done in the incorrect format. Websites are copied and pasted. | Not applicable |  |
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