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|  | Beginning  4 | Developing  6 | Accomplished  8 | Excellent  10 |
| **Introductory & Conclusion Paragraphs** | * No clear thesis statement or restatement * Author not stated in intro * No conclusion statement made * Main points not listed in intro or conclusion | * Missing more than one of the required elements | * Attention-getter weak * Author and title stated * Thesis listed * Main points not listed * Conclusion statement made | * Contains strong attention-getter * States author (intro only) and title (intro only) * States (or restates) thesis * States (or restates) main points that will prove thesis * Provides logical conclusion statement |
| **Body Paragraphs** | * Paragraphs are unrelated * 2 or none of the paragraphs contain quotes * No topic sentence | * Paragraphs are sort of related * Topic sentence or transitions weak * 2 paragraphs contains a quote | * Paragraphs are mostly related * Topic sentence and transitions apparent * All 3 paragraphs contain quotes | * Contains transition * Contains topic sentence * Uses at least 1 quote to prove main point * Cites quotes correctly * Main points help prove thesis |
| **Structure** | * More than 3 of the requirements missing | * 2-3 of the requirements missing | * One of the requirements missing | * Times New Roman * Double-spaced * 12-point font * 2-3 pages * 1-inch margins |
| **Writing** | * Essay is not written in formal or academic language | * Personal pronouns (including “I”) used * Some slang or casual language used |  | * No slang or casual language used * No “I think” statements * No personal pronouns like you, me, I, we etc. |
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