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|  | Beginning4 | Developing6 | Accomplished8 | Excellent10 |
| **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
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| **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
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| **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
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| **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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| **Grammar** | * Present tense not used
* Many fragments and run-ons
* More than 17 errors
 | * Some fragments or run-on sentences
* Present tense mostly used
* Between 11 and 16 errors
 | * Some fragments or run-on sentences
* Present tense mostly used
* Between 3 and 10 errors
 | * No fragments or run-on sentences
* Uses present tense
* Less than 3 grammar, punctuation, or spelling errors
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| **Total**  | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_/ 50 |