**RUBRIC FOR ESSAY**

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| CRITERIA | BEGINNING (1) | DEVELOPING (2) | PROFICIENT (3) | MASTERY (4) |
| * Content
 | * Paper lacks focus or relevance
* Contains many fact errors
 | * Paper is slightly focus
* Contains some fact errors
 | * Paper is adequately focused
* Text is generally relevant and accurate
 | * Paper is tightly focused
* Text contains relevant information with no fact errors
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| * Appropriateness
 | * Poor phrasing or word selection
 | * Phrasing or word selection could be improved
 | * Adequate word selection and phrasing throughout
 | * Proper word selection and phrasing throughout
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| * Organization of ideas
 | * Ideas are presented in incomprehensible order
 | * Some ideas are not presented in a comprehensible order
 | * Most ideas are presented in a comprehensible order
 | * Ideas are presented in a very comprehensible order
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| * Completeness
 | * Text does not provide adequate depth
* Ideas are unclear
* Text is too short
 | * Text requires additional depth in some parts
* Some ideas are unclear
* Text may be short
 | * Text provides adequate depth
* Ideas are clear
* Text is proper length
 | * Text provides a good depth and detail
* Ideas are very clear
* Text is within specified length
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| * Writing Mechanics
 | * There are many spelling and grammar errors.
* Text is copied.
 | * There are some spelling and grammar errors.
* Some of the text is written in authors’ own words
 | * There are few spelling and grammar errors.
* Text is written in authors’ own words
 | * There are no spelling and grammar errors.
* Text is written in authors’ own words
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