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Introduction Paragraph		
Beginning	**Developing**	**Proficient**
☐ The writer introduces a weak claim. ☐ Reasons and evidence are not clear or are missing.	☐ The writer introduces a basic claim. ☐ Basic reasons and evidence are provided.	☐ The writer introduces a strong and clear claim. ☐ Reasons and evidence are clearly stated and organized.
☐ The writer introduces reasons to support the claim, but they are not clear or relevant. ☐ The writer provides evidence, but it is not clear or relevant. ☐ The writer demonstrates a limited understanding of the topic.	☐ The writer introduces basic reasons to support the claim. ☐ The writer uses evidence from the text. ☐ The writer demonstrates a basic understanding of the topic.	☐ The writer introduces strong reasons to support the claim. ☐ The writer uses clear and relevant evidence from the text. ☐ The writer demonstrates a strong understanding of the topic.

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Conclusion Paragraph		
Beginning	**Developing**	**Proficient**
☐ The writer includes a weak or limited concluding statement. ☐ The conclusion is weak and unrelated to the argument presented.	☐ The writer includes a basic concluding statement. ☐ The conclusion is related to the argument presented.	☐ The writer includes a strong concluding statement. ☐ The conclusion is strongly related to the argument presented.
☐ The writer demonstrates a limited ability to use words, phrases, and clauses to clarify the relationships among claims and reasons.	☐ The writer demonstrates a basic ability to use words, phrases, and clauses to clarify the relationships among claims and reasons.	☐ The writer demonstrates a strong ability to use words, phrases, and clauses to clarify the relationships among claims and reasons.

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