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| Concerns | Target (75-85%) | Advanced |
|  | **Conveys Theme or message**- Clear and focused thesis.-Effective topic sentences. - Writing is focused to clearly inform - Skillfully reveals the significance of the writer’s attitude about the subject. |  |
|  |  **Meaning** -Ideas are fully developed, mature.- Reasoning is deductive and logically structured. -Support and evidence is relevant and specific.  |  |
|  | **Organization/Form**-Skillful structure -Engaging and effective introduction that gives context/purpose. - Logical and effective sequencing of ideas based on purposed and linked to theme. -Transitions used clearly and effectively to connect ideas. -Conclusion is satisfying reinforcing theme and giving closure.  |  |
|  | **Language and Style**  - Consistently uses precise vocabulary and strong word choice to convey their ideas.- Sentence structures enhance understanding and engage the reader. Uses a variety of sentence lengths. - Consistently uses an appropriate tone and effective voice for the task.  |  |
|  | **Evidence** -Evidence/quotes are correctly cited. -Quotes are properly integrated and help support thesis. -Works cited list is correct and uses proper formatting. |  |
|  | **Conventions**-Few or no errors in grammar, punctuation, and/or spelling.  |  |