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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. |  |