Goal: 9/12	Exemplary (4)	Proficient (3)	Emerging (2)	Incomplete (1)	Student Score	Teacher Score
ldeas	Skillfully presents a claim and provides background and a clear explanation of the issue. Synthesizes evidence from a variety of sources that strongly support the claim. Summarizes and refutes counterclaims with relevant reasoning and clear evidence. Concludes by clearly summarizing the main points and reinforcing the claim.	Supports a claim that is clearly presented with appropriate background details. Synthesizes evidence from multiple sources that support the claim. Develops claims and counterclaims fairly and uses valid reasoning, relevant and sufficient evidence, and a variety of rhetorical appeals. Concludes by revisiting the main points and reinforcing the claim.	States a claim but does not adequately explain the issue or provide background details. Attempts to synthesize evidence from several sources that support the claim. Develops some counterclaims, but reasoning may not be completely relevant or sufficient for the evidence cited. Concludes by listing the main points of the thesis.	States a vague or unclear claim and does not explain the issue or provide background details. Contains no synthesis of evidence from different sources to support the claim. May or may not develop counterclaims, and reasoning may not be relevant or sufficient for the evidence cited. Concludes without restating the main points of the claim.		
Structure	Follows a logical progression of ideas that establish relationships between the essential elements of hook, claim, evidence, counterclaims, and conclusion. Links main points with effective transitions that establish coherence	Establishes clear relationships between the essential elements of hook, claim, evidence, counterclaims, and conclusion. Uses transitions to link the major sections of the essay and create coherence	Demonstrates an awkward progression of ideas, but the reader can understand them. Uses some elements of hook, claim, evidence, and conclusion. Spends too much time on some irrelevant details and uses few transitions.	Does not follow a logical organization. Includes some details and elements of an argument, but the writing lacks clear direction and uses no transitions to help readers follow the line of thought.		
Use of Language	Uses a formal style and tone appropriate to the audience and purpose. Smoothly integrates textual evidence from multiple sources, with correct citations. Shows excellent command of standard English capitalization, punctuation, spelling, grammar, and usage.	Uses a formal style and tone appropriate to the audience and purpose. Correctly cites textual evidence from at least three sources. Follows conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, spelling, grammar, and usage.	Mixes informal and formal writing styles. Cites some textual evidence, but citations may be missing or inaccurate. Includes some incorrect capitalization, punctuation, spelling, grammar, or usage that interfere with meaning.	Uses mostly informal writing style. Uses some textual evidence but does not include citations. Includes incorrect capitalization, punctuation, spelling, grammar, or usage that interfere with meaning.		