Overcoming Obstacles PBL Literary Analysis Rubric

	4 (Distinguished)	3 (Proficient)	2 (Developing)	1 (Beginner)	0 (Not Gradable)
Thesis	 Presents a strong and insightful opinion on the topic Clear, concise, and sophisticated response to prompt Innovative but logical direction for the essay 	 Presents a solid opinion on the topic Responds to the prompt in a clear, concise statement Creates an obvious but logical direction for the essay 	 Presents a weak or awkward opinion on the topic Responds to the prompt in a vague or unclear statement Creates an obvious direction for the essay 	 Lacks an arguable opinion on the topic Does not respond to the entire prompt Offers little to no direction for the essay 	 No thesis or insight into the writer's thoughts was written.
Evidence	 Includes ample quotes and examples to support topic Relates specifically to the paragraph topic Incorporates quotes and examples fluidly with context 	 Includes sufficient quotes and examples to support topic Relates to the paragraph topic Incorporates quotes and examples with context 	 Includes minimal quotes and examples to support topic Relates generally to the paragraph topic Incorporates quotes and examples awkwardly with some context 	 Includes little to no quotes or examples to support topic Does not relate to the paragraph topic 	No evidence was used in the analysis
Organization	 Document from the group presentation was used Sophisticated sequence of ideas Clear logical organization throughout essay 	 Effective transitions Effective and coherent sequence of ideas Consistent organization 	 Basic organization observed throughout Adequate transitions Adequate sequence of ideas 	 Unclear organization Ineffective sequence of ideas No transitions 	The analysis does not follow the rules for an analysis
Conclusion	Self-reflection clearly and thoroughly connects the writer to the document	Self-reflection connects the writer to the document	The writer attempts to connect to the document, but the verbiage is unclear.	The writer does not connect to the document.	No self-reflection/ conclusion was written.
Mechanics	 No spelling or grammatical errors. Grammatical structure of sentences is varied and displays sophisticated level of control. 	 Some spelling and grammar errors. Grammatical structure is sometimes varied but displays some level of control. 	 Spelling and grammar errors detract from the focus of the essay. Grammatical structure is weak and lacks definition. 	 Spelling and grammar errors greatly detract from the focus of the essay. Sentence structure is simplistic 	The analysis contained so many errors that the analysis was not readable.
Style	 Sophisticated vocabulary evident Fluent, creative, varied sentence structure 	 Clear, effective vocabulary evident. Fluency is achieved with varied sentence structure Complex and appropriate word choice. 	 Basic vocabulary. Sentences are choppy or wordy at times, detracting from the fluency of the writing. Problematic or vague word choice 	Simplistic vocabulary Sentences lack coherence	