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Planning	• X	Plans Writing by identifying topic, audience, and purpose AND Plan (outline) guides the writing	Plans Writing by identifying topic audience, and purpose Plan (not an outline) guides the writing	No TAPPTPlan (web) guides the writing
Introduction	 Precisely and concisely I=QC (C=Claim) 	• I=QC (C=Claim)	Attempts I=QC (C=Claim)	Missing or vague I=QC (C=Claim)
Organization	• X	Well developed and organized introduction, body and concluding paragraphs	 Information not separated into paragraphs Not clearly organized or relevant 	No clear effort at organization
Evidence/body	Relevant Evidence including: Definitions, Examples, Facts, Accounts and Quotations consistently and accurately used in essay to support task or C	Relevant Evidence including: Definitions, Facts, Accounts, and Quotations consistently and accurately used in essay to support task is included and explained	Evidence including: Definitions, Examples, Facts, Accounts, and Quotations consistently and accurately used in essay to support task included and attempt at explanation	Evidence is absent or inaccurate
Conclusion	Offers unique perspective including a summary statement of C	Includes summary statement of C	Provides unusual or interesting Detail	missing or unrecognizable
Vocabulary and Language Usage	 Eloquent presentation Domain Specific vocabulary Revises for prepositional phrase Revises adjectives to improve message. 	Prepositional phrases Revises adjectives to improve message	Include sensory or topic-specific words Prepositional phrases Revises adjectives to improve message	Vocabulary includes simple, common descriptions Specific noun modifiers (adjectives)
Sentence Structure and Fluency	 Varied sentence structures including: Complex, Compound, and Simple Sentences. 	Varied sentence structures including: Compound, simple sentences, simple sentences with compounds in the predicate, and sentences with details as the subject	 Varied sentence structures including: Compound, simple sentences, simple sentences with compounds in the predicate, and sentences with details as the subject 	Varied sentence structures including: Simple sentences and sentences with details as the subject
Perspective and Tense	Edits perspectiveEdits tenseMaintains Formal Style	Perspective and tense maintained	• X	Perspective and tense maintained not maintained
Conventions and Mechanics	 Creativity and flexibility with higher-level punctuation including semicolons in compound sentences Edits beginning capitals, proper nouns and end marks Edits commas in multiple modifiers Perspective and tense maintained Edits pronouns, subject-verb agreement, and misspelled words 	 Grade-level appropriate conventions including correct use of commas in a series Edits beginning capitals, proper nouns, and end marks Edits subject-verb agreement Edits pronouns Edits misspelled words 	 Edits beginning capitals, proper nouns and end marks Uses correct pronouns Correctly spells vowel diphthongs and compound words 	Correctly forms letters Correctly spells short-vowels, consonant blends, long-vowels, consonant digraphs, and long vowels