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| Description | 5 Advanced | 4 Proficient | 3 Basic | 2 Below Basic | 1 Failing |
| Thesis  X2 | Easily identifiable, insightful, clear, plausible | Solid, but a little vague and unclear, lacks insight | There is a statement, but the argument is very vague and hard to prove | Difficult to identify, makes no real argument | There is no thesis statement |
| Structure | Excellent transitions from point to point. Each Body Paragraph has a citation. There is a works cited page in MLA format | Generally clear, some transitions are rough, a few paragraphs lack in text citations. Works cited page is in MLA format | Paper is in paragraph form, but transitions are choppy and topic sentences are weak. There are no in text citations and works cited is not in MLA format | Paper is not in paragraph form consistently and transitions are choppy and make little sense or there are no in text citations or works cited page | Paper is unfinished and not in paragraph form and there are no in text citations or works cited page |
| Use Of Evidence  X2 | Outside sources clearly support the topic sentences which help support the thesis and **all Documents are used correctly** | Most but not all evidence used supports the thesis and **most of the documents are used correctly** | Outside sources are used, but most of the info is random and does little to support the thesis and **only half the documents are used correctly** | Little outside sources are used, no outside information helps prove the thesis **and documents are not used correctly** | No outside source or evidence is used **and documents are not used at all.** |
| Analysis  X2 | Author goes beyond listing information, arguments for why and how certain events took place are given. Analysis of the information is given and further proves the thesis true | Analysis is given in most paragraphs, but not every paragraph has analytical content about the information | Information is given but little analysis is given as to how this info backs up the thesis | Analysis is seldom given and offers no insight to back the thesis | No analysis of the outside sources are given |
| Mechanics  **Sub Total \_\_\_\_\_\_ X 2**  **Comments: Total Points: /80** | There are less than 2 grammatical errors in the essay | There are 3-5 grammatical errors in the essay | There are 6-7 grammatical errors in the essay | There are 8-10 grammatical errors in the essay | There are more than 10 errors in the essay |

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