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| **4**  | ❖ Effectively introduces a claim  
❖ Acknowledges and counters opposing claims, as appropriate  
❖ Uses logical, credible, and relevant reasoning and evidence to support claim  
❖ Uses organizational strategy to present reasons and relevant evidence  
❖ Provides a strong concluding statement or section that logically follows from the ideas presented | ❖ Uses precise and purposeful word choice  
❖ Uses words, phrases, and/or clauses that effectively connect and show relationships among ideas  
❖ Uses and maintains an appropriate tone  
❖ Has no errors in usage and conventions that interfere with meaning |
| **3**  | ❖ Clearly introduces a claim  
❖ Attempts to acknowledge and/or counter opposing claims, as appropriate  
❖ Uses reasoning and evidence to support claim  
❖ Uses an organizational structure to present reasons and relevant evidence  
❖ Provides a concluding statement or section that follows from the ideas presented | ❖ Uses clear word choice  
❖ Uses words and phrases to connect ideas  
❖ Uses an appropriate tone  
❖ Has few, if any, errors in usage and conventions that interfere with meaning |
| **2**  | ❖ Attempts to establish a claim  
❖ Makes little, if any, attempt to acknowledge or counter opposing claims  
❖ Develops, sometimes unevenly, reasons and evidence to support claim  
❖ Attempts to use an organizational structure  
❖ Provides weak concluding statement or section | ❖ Uses basic language, which sometimes lacks clarity  
❖ May have errors in usage and conventions that interfere with meaning |
| **1**  | ❖ Weakly or indirectly states a claim  
❖ Makes no attempt to acknowledge or counter opposing claims  
❖ Has minimal support for claim  
❖ May be too brief to demonstrate an organizational structure  
❖ Provides a minimal or no concluding statement or section | ❖ Uses words that are inappropriate, overly simple, or unclear  
❖ Has errors in usage and conventions that interfere with meaning |