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| 4     | • I can introduce a topic that is compelling and is **clearly** and **logically** connected to the task/question.  
          • I can write an essay that shows that I read and understood the text **very well**. I can include inferences in my explanations. | • I can write an essay that has a **developed** topic with **relevant**, **well-chosen** facts, definitions, **concrete** details, quotations, or other information from the text.  
          • I can use that information **throughout** my essay and it is varied. | • I can write an essay with **clear** organization and the skillful use of **varied** and **appropriate transitions** to enhance my meaning so that my writing is **unified** and **whole**.  
          • I can use a **formal** style and use **grade** and subject-appropriate **sophisticated** language.  
          • I can write a **compelling conclusion** that wraps up the topic of my essay. | • I can write an essay that uses **grade-appropriate grammar**.  
          • I can write an essay that has few **spelling**, **grammar**, **punctuation**, or **capitalization** errors. |
| 3     | • I can introduce a topic that is connected to the task/question.  
          • I can write an essay that shows that I read and understood the text **well**. | • I can write an essay that has a **developed** topic with **relevant**, facts, definitions, details, quotations, or other information from the text.  
          • I can use that information **throughout** my essay but it is not varied. | • I can write an essay with **clear** organization and **varied** and **appropriate transitions** so that my writing is **unified** and **whole**.  
          • I can use a **formal** style and use **grade** and subject-appropriate language.  
          • I can write a **conclusion** that wraps up the topic of my essay. | • I can write an essay that uses **grade-appropriate grammar**.  
          • I can write an essay that has occasional **spelling**, **grammar**, **punctuation**, or **capitalization** errors but they **do not** make my writing hard to read. |
| 2     | • I can introduce a topic that is **sort of** connected to the task/question.  
          • I can write an essay that shows that I read and understood the text. | • I can write an essay that is **partially developed** and has some evidence from the text, but **not all the evidence relates to the task/question**. | • I can write an essay with **clear** organization and **varied** and **appropriate transitions** so that my writing is **unified** and **whole**.  
          • I do **not** use a **formal** style or grade and subject-appropriate language.  
          • I write a **conclusion that generally** follows the topic of my writing. | • I can write an essay that uses **almost** grade-appropriate grammar.  
          • I have **some** **spelling**, **grammar**, **punctuation**, or **capitalization** errors that **sometimes** make my writing **hard to read**. |
| 1     | • My writing introduces a topic that is **not** connected to the task/question.  
          • My writing shows that I understood the text a tiny bit. | • My writing **attempts** to use some evidence but that evidence **does not relate to the task/question**. | • I attempt to use organization with **some** transitions.  
          • I do **not** use a **formal** style and do **not** use grade and subject-appropriate language.  
          • I write a **conclusion** that does **not** wrap up my writing. | • I use **do not use** grade-appropriate grammar.  
          • I have **many** **spelling**, **grammar**, **punctuation**, or **capitalization** errors that make my writing **hard to read**. |
| 0     | • My writing shows that I **did not** understand the task /question or the text. | • My writing **did not include any evidence** that relates to the task/question. | • My writing is **not** organized.  
          • I use language that **does not make sense**.  
          • I do **not write** a conclusion. | • I do **not use** appropriate grammar. People are not able to read my writing. |