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Clarity and Focus

Present a clear central idea early in the essay and focus on proving it.

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The essay contains a central idea that may not be completely clear and focused; the central idea also may not be completely effective in addressing the demands of the prompt, fulfilling the writing purpose, or appropriately engaging the audience.



Development

Use facts, definitions, and information from other sources to support and develop your central idea about the issue or topic.

The essay develops the central idea with highly significant, well-chosen, relevant facts, extended definitions, concrete examples, quotations, etc. that thoroughly address the audience's understanding of the topic in a logical and reasonable way.

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Organization

Include an engaging introduction and strong conclusion. Use transitions throughout the essay to make connections clear.

The essay uses an organizational structure where each new element builds to create a unified whole. The structure enhances and develops the central idea with appropriate, varied transitions that show relationships between and among complex details. The structure also helps to make important connections and distinctions between ideas, linking major sections of the text and creating a clear sense of cohesion throughout. The essay has an engaging introductory paragraph, as well as a thoughtful concluding statement/paragraph that follows from and supports ideas presented.

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The lack of structure and appropriate, varied, and effective transitions make the essay difficult to understand. Entire structural elements are missing, such as an introductory paragraph and/or concluding statement/paragraph, or the structural elements do not properly support the ideas presented.

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Language and Style

Use specific, interesting language and clear sentence structure to communicate ideas.

The essay has an established, formal style and objective tone that is maintained throughout. The essay uses mostly correct, varied sentence structure and uses precise language and domain-specific vocabulary in a way that addresses the complexity of the topic. Few errors are present, and they do not interfere with meaning.

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