

## Rubric for Assessing a Writing Assignment

| Grading Criteria    | Excellent  | Acceptable  | Minimal   | Unacceptable  |
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| <b>Content</b>      | Purpose of writing is clear and reflects assignment; introduction engages reader; ideas are well developed and elaborated with substantial detail and evidence where appropriate; conclusion is strong.    | Purpose of writing is discernable and reflects assignment; introduction is provided; ideas are developed and elaborated with detail and evidence where appropriate; conclusion is provided. | Purpose of writing may be somewhat unclear and partly off topic; introduction is minimal or unclear; ideas are only partially developed and minimally supported; conclusion is lacking. | Purpose of writing is unclear or off topic; no introduction is provided; ideas are not developed or supported; no conclusion is provided.   |
| <b>Organization</b> | Structure is clear and appropriate to writing type; includes clear introduction, well-developed body, and clear conclusion; writing is organized logically into paragraphs and sentences with transitions. | Structure is generally clear and appropriate to writing type; includes introduction, body, and conclusion; writing is organized into paragraphs and sentences with transitions.             | Structure may be partially unclear, inappropriate, or lacking; introduction or conclusion is lacking or minimal; organization of paragraphs or construction of sentences is flawed.     | Structure is largely unclear, inappropriate, or lacking; introduction or conclusion is missing; there are significant flaws in the organization of paragraphs or construction of sentences. |
| <b>Mechanics</b>    | Flawless spelling, punctuation, and grammar; varied sentence structure.  | Some minor spelling, punctuation, or grammar errors; somewhat varied sentence structure.  | Careless spelling, punctuation, or grammar errors; repetitive sentence structure.   | Significant spelling, punctuation, or grammar errors; poor sentence structure.  |