	Score: 4	Score: 3	Score: 2	Score: 1	Score: 0
Development	Thesis is a clear statement, thoughts are well organized, and thoroughly address the prompt	Thesis statement is clear, thoughts are well organized and show understanding of explaining thoughts	Thesis statement is weak, thoughts are not organized to explain prompt	Does not address the prompt and/or have a clear thesis statement	Did not complete the assignment
Organization	Well-developed, 5- paragraph structure with a clear beginning, middle, and ending. Uses transitions	Has 5-parapgraph structure with a clear beginning, middle, and ending. Few transitions.	Has a 5-paragraph structure, but the order is unclear (no beginning, middle, end), no transition words are used.	Does not have a 5-paragraph structure.	Did not complete the assignment
Textual Evidence	Cites facts from texts and uses information, details, or opinions to analyze information	Cites facts from texts and information somewhat explains information	Cites facts from texts, but does not analyze the information	Does not cite facts from text, only states opinions.	Did not complete the assignment
Language & Style	Uses formal, precise language and a variety of sentence styles	Uses formal, precise language, but sentence structure does not vary	Uses formal language. Words are not precise enough to explain thesis.	Does not use formal language	Did not complete the assignment
Writing Conventions	No spelling or grammar errors. No punctuation errors. Paragraph structure is always complete.	Few spelling or grammar errors. Few punctuation errors. Paragraph structure is always complete	Multiple spelling, grammar, and punctuation errors. Paragraph structure is always complete	Does not demonstrate proper writing conventions. Paragraph structure is not complete	Did not complete the assignment