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Criteria	Emerging	Developing	Proficient	Extending
Introduction & Conclusion	Little to no introduction/conclusion regarding students' topic.	Student included, to some degree, an introduction and conclusion regarding their topic.	Student included a well developed introduction and conclusion regarding their topic.	Student designed an exceptional paper identifying an introductory/concluding paragraph.
Organization	Little to no organization regarding paragraphs and information about their topic.	Student demonstrated some organization in their writing/paragraphs regarding their topic.	Student demonstrated clear organization skills in their paper. Their paragraphs are organized and distinctive to the content.	The students paper was exceptionally organized allowing the reader to understand the text and information.
Content and Description	Student included little to no content regarding the topic and describes topic in minimal detail.	Student included some content regarding their topic and describes some aspects of their topic.	Student included a proficient amount of content and describes their topic in strong detail.	Student described the topic with exceptional detail, while including more than what was required regarding content.
Transition Words	Student included no transition words.	Student included one or two transition words.	Student included a proficient amount of transition words and understood which transition word to use.	Student understands transition words and the importance/correct placement and usage in their text.
Persuasive Words	Student included no persuasive words.	Students included one or two persuasive words	Student included a proficient amount of persuasive words and understood which transition word to use.	Student understands persuasive words and the importance/correct placement and usage in their text.
Grammar and punctuation	Student had multiple grammar and punctuation errors within text.	Student had some punctuation and grammar errors within text.	Student used proper punctuation and correct grammar, possibly making one or two mistakes.	Student reviewed and edited their work identifying any errors, which they corrected leaving no errors present.