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| **Criteria #1: Intro & Thesis**  The introductory paragraph has a hook or attention grabber. Provides background information. Includes a clearly defined thesis statement. |  |  |  |  | x1 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
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| **Criteria #3: Interpretation**  Develops the thesis statement and claims through interpretation. Expresses adequate connection between the evidence and the claim. |  |  |  |  | **x2**  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
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| **Criteria #6: Style**  Uses interesting diction and language appropriate to audience, tone, and purpose. Individual voice is evident. Does not use 1st or 2nd pronouns; does not use contractions (unless in evidence) |  |  |  |  | **x2** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
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