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<b>Thesis</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Strong arguable and clear thesis in intro</li> <li>Introduces compelling arguments in a sophisticated manner</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clear arguable thesis in intro. Thesis may not be presented strongly or eloquently.</li> <li>Introduces a precise claim that is relatively arguable</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identifiable thesis but rather vague</li> <li>Introduces a claim that may not truly be arguable</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hard to find or out of place thesis.</li> <li>Emerging claim that suggests a vague position</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Missing thesis</li> <li>Claim is unidentifiable</li> </ul>
<b>Evidence/ Sources</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provides relevant sources</li> <li>Sources support argument convincingly</li> <li>Well integrated sources</li> <li>Clear, insightful analysis</li> <li>Skillfully addresses counterclaims</li> <li>Evidence/quotation choices are particularly apt</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Solid, but somewhat weaker than an A paper: more examples needed, more specific evidence needed, better integration needed</li> <li>Evidence analyzed and explained, but perhaps not quite as well as an A paper.</li> <li>Fairly addresses counterclaims</li> <li>Evidence/quotation choices are appropriate</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adequate, but rather weak: more examples needed, more specific evidence needed, more relevant evidence needed</li> <li>Evidence usually analyzed and explained, but perhaps not always well.</li> <li>Analysis is often repetitious</li> <li>Addresses counterclaims</li> <li>Evidence/quote choices could be better; better evidence exists.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Weak or flawed: tends towards summary instead of true evidence &amp; analysis; not enough evidence; evidence does not prove claim</li> <li>Little analysis and/or explanation.</li> <li>Unclearly addresses counterclaims</li> <li>Evidence chosen without much apparent thought; Evidence is not credible</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Generalizations or summary instead of analysis and textual evidence</li> <li>Lacks counterclaims</li> <li>Not enough evidence, inappropriate evidence</li> </ul>
<b>Organization</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Logical paragraph ordering</li> <li>Order matches up with thesis</li> <li>Smooth transitions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Formulaic and stiff or stilted organization of argument</li> <li>Rougher transitions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minor problems in progression of argument</li> <li>Some paragraphs out of order/not matching thesis</li> <li>Rough transitions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Illogical or arbitrary progression of argument</li> <li>Paragraphs out of order/not matching thesis</li> <li>Missing transitions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Illogical progression of argument</li> <li>No paragraphs</li> <li>Missing transitions</li> </ul>
<b>Format / Mechanics</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Few to no grammatical or spelling errors</li> <li>Correct MLA format in works cited page and in parenthetical citations</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>minor grammatical or spelling errors (agreement, apostrophes, etc.)</li> <li>Mostly correct MLA format</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>repeated grammatical or spelling errors: some major (comma splices, fragments, etc.)</li> <li>Incorrect MLA format</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10 or more grammatical or spelling errors: some major (comma splices, fragments, etc.)</li> <li>Incorrect MLA format or missing citations/works cited</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Multiple grammatical or spelling errors: many major (comma splices, fragments, etc.)</li> <li>No attempt at MLA format or works cited</li> </ul>
<b>Language</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clear, coherent prose</li> <li>Good, specific word choices</li> <li>Varying sentence lengths and structures</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clear, coherent prose</li> <li>Slightly less precise word choices</li> <li>Sentence lengths and structures vary somewhat</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Overwrought or confusing prose</li> <li>Multiple problematic word choices including</li> <li>Sentence lengths and structures very basic or repetitive</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Language hinders understanding of argument</li> <li>Many problematic word choices</li> <li>Sentence lengths and structures very basic</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Language erratic and hinders argument</li> </ul>