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| **Traits** | **4** | **3** | | **2** | **1** |
| **Focus & Details** | There is one clear, well-focused topic. Main ideas are clear and are well supported by detailed and accurate information. | | There is one clear, well-focused topic. Main ideas are clear but are not well supported by detailed information. | There is one topic. Main ideas are somewhat clear. | The topic and main ideas are not clear. |
| **Organization** | The introduction is inviting, states the main topic, and provides an overview of the paper. Information is relevant and presented in a logical order. The conclusion is strong. | | The introduction states the main topic and provides an overview of the paper. A conclusion is included. | The introduction states the main topic. A conclusion is included. | There is no clear introduction, structure, or conclusion. |
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| Have I included transitional words or phrases that connect my paragraphs? |  |  |
| Are the events described in my essay presented in a clear, chronological order? |  |  |
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