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| **Rubric for Scoring Essays** | **Growth Needed** | **Adequate** | **Outstanding** | **Points** |
| **Content**   * Writer clearly answers the question(s)/prompt in a thorough and comprehensive manner. * Writer answers in a reflective manner. | **0-3** | **4-7** | **8-10** |  |
| **Organization**   * Ideas are clearly presented and organized * Writer easily leads reader through the writer’s train of thought. * Transitions between thoughts or content are seamless. | **0-3** | **4-7** | **8-10** |  |
| **Mechanics**   * Writer is articulate. * Language structure and mechanics reflect sophistication. * Writing lacks spelling and grammatical errors. | **0-3** | **4-7** | **8-10** |  |
| **Impact**   * Writer shows a combination of passion and knowledge throughout the essay. * There is a lasting impact derived from the essay. | **0-3** | **4-7** | **8-10** |  |
|  |  | **TOTAL POINTS** | |  |