Writing Rubric (Total: 50 Points)

Criteria	Exemplary (10 pts)	Proficient (8 pts)	Developing (6 pts)	Beginning (4 pts)
1. Thesis & Focus	Clear, original thesis; consistently focused throughout.	Clear thesis; mostly focused with minor digressions.	Thesis is vague or inconsistently supported.	No clear thesis; lacks focus.
2. Organizatior & Structure	Logical structure with strong transitions; clear intro, body, and conclusion.	Organized with clear sections:	Some structure; transitions are weak or missing.	Disorganized; lacks clear structure or transitions.
3. Development & Support	Fully developed ideas with rich, relevant evidence and examples.	Adequate development with relevant support.	Limited development; some evidence but lacks depth.	Underdeveloped or unsupported ideas.
4. Style & Voice	Engaging, appropriate tone and voice; varied sentence structure.	Appropriate tone and voice; some sentence variety.	Inconsistent tone; limited sentence variety.	Inappropriate or unclear tone; repetitive or awkward sentences.
5. Grammar, Mechanics & Citations	Virtually error- free; correct formatting and citations.	Few minor errors; mostly correct formatting and citations.	Noticeable errors; inconsistent formatting or citation issues.	Frequent errors; incorrect or missing formatting and citations.

Total Score: ___ / 50

Overall Performance Level: ☐ Exemplary ☐ Proficient ☐ Developing ☐ Beginning	
Instructor Feedback:	
Next Steps for Growth:	