Rubric for Text-based Essay

To Guide and Assess Test-Based Essay

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| Criteria | Excellent | Good | Needs  Work | Let’s  Talk |
| Introduction  Claim  Statement | The introduction  answers the question  fully and well  Invites the reader in  Nice hook to engage  the reader | Introduction  Needs to be  More fully  Developed to  Respond to the  Question asked | Weak  Introduction  Doesn’t  Answer the  Question asked | Write a  Fuller  First sentence  that answers  the question |
| Evidence of  Introductory  statement | Provides full and  Appropriate evidence  For the claim statement | Add more and  Fuller evidence  Of claim statement | Provide more  Evidence to  Support claim | Add more and  Better evidence  For your claim |
| Transitional Linking words  and phrases for  connections | Very good connecting  words that show the  Connections between  Sentences and paragraphs | Add more transitional  Connecting words,  More original  Linking words | Lacks sufficient  Connecting  Words to show links | No transitional  Words or  Phrases to  Show links |
| Word Choice | Striking language used  to convey thoughts  well  Original word choice | Add more strong  and original  word choice | Change words to  More original  And strong words | Words are too  Simple  Add stronger |
| Conclusion | Effective, strong conclusion  That sums up and moves  to another new thought | Effectively  Sums up the  ideas | Weak ending  Ending doesn’t  Connect with  Evidence | Poor ending,  Lacks full  summary |
| Writing Process | Uses well the writing process of central idea  to respond to  the question asked,  Reread the passage for  Central idea and evidence,  Drafted essay, used other readers, revised, final edit  to correct errors | Need to use  More of the  Writing process  Such as revision,  Another reader,  Final edit to  Improve sentences and  correctness | Lacked writing  Process to  Improve the quality of  Writing with  Introduction,  Evidence,  Strong conclusion | Take more  Time and effort to  Determine  Introduction  Evidence,  Conclusion  Sentences  Word choice |