Rubric Row 1: Understand and Analyze Context

1A. identifies the area of investigation and how it fits into a complex problem

Highlight (yellow) a sentence in the introduction that identifies the specific area of investigation in relation to that question.

1B. the report draws upon a wide variety of appropriate sources

Highlight (pink) all academic sources used.

1C. clarifies how the investigation fits into the bigger picture

Highlight (blue) two or three sentences that make clear the situation and significance of investigation. .

Rubric Row 2: Understand and Analyze Argument

2A. demonstrates understanding of the reasoning and the validity (is it logical?) of the sources' arguments

Circle sentences which show selection of valid/logical claims from the sources that support topic/thesis

2B. provides an explanation or detailed analysis of the line of reasoning

Underline sentences that explain or analyze the line of reasoning behind the source information (demonstrate how claims are connected and evidence supports the claims).

Rubric Row 3: Evaluate Sources and Evidence

3A. evaluate items of relevant evidence

Box in areas that demonstrate use or explain the relevant evidence from sources. Label them 3A.

3B. explains why sources are relevant and credible to support the argument

Box in places where the credibility and relevance of sources/authors are explained. Label them **3B**.

Rubric Row 4: Understand and Analyze Perspective

4A. includes a wide range of perspectives (points of view through argument)

List and number the perspectives.

4B. draws explicit connections among those perspectives

Highlight or underline sentences that draw specific connections among these perspectives. Label them 4B.

Rubric Row 5: Apply Conventions

5A. accurately attributes and cites all sources used

Are ALL sources used cited? Is there a complete works cited or reference page? Is everything formatted correctly in MLA or APA style? Is it consistent? Match each in-text cited source with its entry on the works cited or reference page citation to be sure all are listed and cited.

Rubric Row 6: Apply Conventions

6A. is appropriate for academic audience

Is it written in 3rd person? Did you proofread specifically for grammar and style?

6B. clearly communicates to the reader

Did you proofread specifically for clarity?