Essay RUBRIC Feedback Form

Below Target	Target	Above Target
Areas for GROWTH	Standards for this Task	Exceeding Standards
	STATEMENT OF PURPOSE/FOCUS: ATTENTION TO TOPIC: Introduction effectively identifies a TOPIC NECESSARY BACKGROUND builds necessary context to transition to THESIS/CENTRAL ARGUMENT. TOPIC is clearly connected to a CLAIM/THESIS STATEMENT. THESIS STATEMENT: The thesis statement/argument is in the form of a declarative sentence that clearly, concisely, and accurately asserts a perspective on TOPIC (SEE THESIS RUBRIC).	
	ORGANIZATION: Effective Introduction (ANT) & Conclusion (RRR). Easy transitions between paragraphs. Each paragraph follows TIEAC to structure a Logical Line of reasoning and progression of ideas from beginning to end. All TOPIC SENTENCES follow through on THESIS STATEMENT's promises.	
	ELABORATION OF EVIDENCE : Relevant Evidence is CITED appropriately (Author, #). Each paragraph integrates specific TEXTUAL evidence through paraphrase or quotes to support claims. ANALYSIS: Textual evidence is explained through accurate elaboration and contextualization. COMMENTARY connects the evidence to its relevance to the thesis statement. COUNTERARGUMENT is acknowledged and effectively rebutted.	
	LANGUAGE, VOCABULARY, & STYLE: Formal Academic Tone (Third Person, Present Tense) Proper use of academic and domain specific vocabulary is appropriate for the audience and purpose. NO QUESTION-ces, sentences with unanswered who, what, when, where, why, how. Diction: Word Choice Variety, Syntax: Sentence Structure Variety Active Voice	
	CONVENTIONS: Minor errors in GRAMMAR, USAGE, and SENTENCE FORMATION. Punctuation, capitalization, and spelling.	