

Context and Purpose

BEGINNING	DEVELOPING	ACCOMPLISHED	EXEMPLARY
Demonstrates minimal attention to context, audience, purpose, and to the assignment expectations.	Demonstrates awareness of context, audience, and purpose and acknowledges the expectations of the assignment.	Demonstrates a satisfactory consideration of context, audience, and purpose that is responsive to the assignment.	Demonstrates a thorough understanding of context, audience, and purpose that is responsive to the assignment.

Content Development

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Uses appropriate and relevant content to develop simple ideas in some parts of the work.	Uses appropriate and relevant content to develop and explore ideas through most of the work.	Uses appropriate, relevant, and compelling content to illustrate satisfactory understanding of the subject.	Uses appropriate, relevant, and compelling content to illustrate mastery of the subject.

Disciplinary Conventions

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Attempts to use a system for basic organization and presentation appropriate to a specific discipline.	Demonstrates use -- though not yet consistently -- of important conventions particular to a specific discipline (including organization, content, presentation, and stylistic choices).	Demonstrates consistent use of important conventions particular to a specific discipline (including organization, content, presentation, and stylistic choices).	Demonstrates detailed attention to and successful execution of a wide range of conventions particular to a specific discipline (including organization, content, presentation, formatting, and stylistic choices).

Sources and Evidence

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Demonstrates an attempt to use sources to support ideas in the writing.	Demonstrates an attempt to use credible and / or relevant sources to support ideas that are appropriate for the discipline and genre of the writing.	Demonstrates consistent use of credible, relevant sources to support ideas that are situated within the discipline and genre of writing.	Demonstrates skillful use of high quality, credible, relevant sources to develop ideas that are appropriate for the discipline and genre of the writing.

Syntax and Mechanics

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Uses language that sometimes impedes meaning because of errors in usage.	Uses language that generally conveys meaning to readers with clarity, although writing may include some errors.	Uses straightforward language that generally communicates meaning to readers and is virtually error free.	Uses language that skillfully communicates meaning to readers with clarity and fluency and is virtually error free.