**Assessment Rubric**

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| Name: |  | Date: |  |

Rate your writing from 1 (incomplete) to 6 (amazing) for each trait below. Add the scores together and divide by the number of traits (6) to find your overall score.

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|  | **STIMULATING IDEAS** |
|  | ***The writing . . .***   * maintains a clear, specific focus or purpose. * presents information that elaborates on the focus. * holds the reader’s attention and answers questions about the topic. |
|  | **LOGICAL ORGANIZATION** |
|  | ***The writing . . .***   * includes a clear beginning, middle, and ending. * contains specific details—arranged in the best order—to support the main ideas. |
|  | **ENGAGING VOICE** |
|  | ***The writing . . .***   * speaks to the intended audience. * shows that the writer cares about the topic. |
|  | **ORIGINAL WORD CHOICE** |
|  | ***The writing . . .***   * contains specific nouns, active verbs, and colorful modifiers. * presents an appropriate level of formality or informality. |
|  | **EFFECTIVE SENTENCE STYLE** |
|  | ***The writing . . .***   * flows smoothly from sentence to sentence. * displays varied sentence beginnings and lengths. |
|  | **CORRECT, ACCURATE COPY** |
|  | ***The writing . . .***   * has correct punctuation, capitalization, spelling, usage, and grammar. |