	Skills	Does Not Meet	Approaches	Meets	Exceeds
Self-Directed Learner Skills Skills in Taking Responsibility	Completes task by presenting and defending the student's own viewpoint on the topic with a high degree of clarity; develops a persuasive argument with coherence and detail	<	+++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++		
Investigator Skills Inquiry Skills	 Develops paragraph-length discourse with a variety of simple and compound sentences, and some complex sentences Integrates content from a minimum of three sources in support of the essay 	<		++++++	
Communicator Expressive Skills	 Ideas are clearly organized Transitions are clearly used to connect Fully understandable, with ease and clarity of expression; occasional errors do not impede comprehensibility Varied and appropriate vocabulary Accuracy and variety with few errors 	<	 	+++++	