



Methodology Essay

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Structural Organization	Essay lacks logical progression of ideas	Essay includes brief skeleton (introduction, body, conclusion) but lacks transitions	Essay includes logical progression of ideas aided by clear transitions	Essay is powerfully organized and fully developed	
Understanding of Material	Apparent misunderstanding of material	Limited understanding of material displayed by vague, unclear language	Developing understanding of material	Clear understanding of material displayed by clear, concrete language and complex ideas	
Focus	Essay addresses topic but loses focus by including irrelevant ideas	Essay is focused on topic and includes few loosely related ideas	Essay is focused on the topic and includes relevant ideas	The essay is focused, purposeful, and reflects clear insight and ideas	
Mechanics	Frequent errors in spelling, grammar, and punctuation	Errors in grammar and punctuation, but spelling has been proofread	Occasional grammatical errors and questionable word choice	Nearly error-free which reflects clear understanding and thorough proofreading	
Support	Few to no solid supporting ideas or evidence for the essay content	Some supporting ideas and/or evidence for the essay content	Support lacks specificity and is loosely developed	Specific, developed details and superior support and evidence in the essay content	