Rubric for Coal Research Essay

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| **Organized and Clear Structure** | Essay has intro, body, and conclusion; points are logically ordered and grouped to support the author’s purpose; structure is very effective | Essay has intro, body, and conclusion; points may not be in an effective order; organization of points may not be clear | Essay is missing either intro, body, or conclusion; points are confusing and hard to follow, little effort made to give essay structure | No attempt is made in organization |
| **Development** | Author has at least 4 main ideas in body of essay; ideas are well developed with supporting details | Author has 3-4 main ideas in body of essay; ideas are somewhat developed with supporting details, but may need more details or clarity | Author has 1-2 main ideas in body of essay; ideas lack development and lack enough details to be informative | No attempt is made to develop ideas in body of essay |
| **Sources** | All sources are cited on a reference page; author uses 4 or more sources | Only 2-3 sources are used; attempt made to cite references using a reference page, but lacks information about sources | Only 1 source is used; reference page is missing information | No attempt is made to use and/or cite sources |
| **Language** | Correct punctuation used throughout; consistent academic tone and word choice; varied sentence structure and lengths used throughout paper | Mostly correct punctuation with 1-2 mistakes; mostly consistent academic tone or word choice with a few informal instances; some variety in sentence structure and length | Several punctuation mistakes; tone and word choice is mostly informal; sentences lack variety in structure and length | No attempt is made to follow appropriate language and writing conventions |