Rubric for Surface Mining POV Essay

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| Organization and 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; structure of argument may be confusing | Essay is missing either intro, body, or conclusion; points are confusing and hard to follow, little effort made to give argument structure | No attempt is made in organization |
| Claim | The topic of the paper is clear in the intro; a claim is clearly made in intro | The topic of paper and/or claim is slightly unclear | The topic of paper and claim are ineffectively communicated | No attempt is made to state a claim |
| Evidence | Author uses evidence and information to support 3 clear points; evidence is valid; several kinds of information used effectively | Author attempts to use evidence to support 2-3 points, but evidence may lack validity or effectiveness; may lack variety of information types | Valid evidence is lacking throughout entire paper; few pieces of information used; only 1-2 points to back up claim | No attempt is made to support claim with evidence |
| Sources | All sources are cited on a reference page; author uses at least 3 sources | Only two 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 |