**Focus Question ~ Extended Response Writing Rubric**

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|  | **Advanced** | **Proficient** | **Basic** | **Below Basic** |
| **MLA Format** | All of the response is correctly written in MLA format. | 80% of the response is correctly written in MLA format. | 70% of the response is correctly written in MLA format. | 50% of the response is correctly written in MLA format. |
| **Correct Text Citation** | Uses more than one direct text citation correctly. | Uses at least one direct text citation correctly. | Attempts to use one direct citation correctly. | Does not attempt to use any direct citations. |
| **Integration of Quotes** | Integrates quotes effectively by using more sophisticated methods than the “sandwich approach.” | Integrates quotes effectively by using sandwich approach. | Attempts to integrate quotes effectively by using sandwich approach. | Does not attempt to integrate quotes effectively. |
| **Sentence Variety: Length** | Sentences reflect equal amounts of long and short sentences. | Most of response has sentences that reflect equal amounts of long and short sentences. | Some of response has sentences that reflect equal amounts of long and short sentences. | Little or no part of the response has sentences that reflect equal amounts of long and short sentences. |
| **Sentence Variety: Beginnings** | All of the sentences in the response begin differently. | All of the sentences in the response begin differently. | All of the sentences in the response begin differently. | All of the sentences in the response begin differently. |
| **Transitions** | Sophisticated transitions are used accurately and effectively and no “HANDS OFF” transitions are used. | General transitions are used accurately and effectively and/or no “HANDS OFF” transitions are used. | General transitions are used mostly accurate and effective and/or no “HANDS OFF” transitions are used. | No transitions are used and/or not accurate and/or effective and “HANDS OFF” transitions are used. |
| **Formal Writing** | All of the response in written in formal writing and does not use the word “you.” | Most of the response in written in formal writing and/or does not use the word “you.” | Some of the response in written in formal writing and/or does not use the word “you.” | Response is not written in formal writing and/or does not use the word “you.” |