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<p>Quality of Writing and Organization</p>	<p>Paper is well organized.</p> <p>Paper is generally free of errors or inconsistencies.</p> <p>Communicates ideas persuasively.</p>	<p>Paper is mostly organized, but has some inconsistencies in format.</p> <p>Paper has minor errors or inconsistencies.</p> <p>Communicates ideas sufficiently.</p>	<p>Paper lacks organization and attention to format.</p> <p>Paper has many errors and inconsistencies.</p> <p>Communicates minimal information.</p>		
<p>References/ Citations</p>	<p>Author cites according to rules of required style.</p>	<p>Generally adheres to rules, but there are formatting errors.</p>	<p>Author does not adhere to general rules of citation.</p>		

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