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| **Criteria #1: Intro & Thesis**The introductory paragraph has a hook or attention grabber. Provides background information. Includes a clearly defined thesis statement. |   |   |   |  |  x.5 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
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| **Criteria #7: Grammar/ Mechanics**No grammatical or mechanical errors. |  |  |  |  |  x1 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| **Criteria #8: MLA Format**Paper is formatted correctly: header, double spaced, page numbers, 1 inch margins, 12 pt. Times New Roman font, properly formatted in-text citations, properly formatted Works Cited page. |  |  |  |  |  x1 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |

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