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First Paragraph: Thesis Paragraph:

	Meets Expectations	Needs Improvement
Describes, defines, or qualifies as needed		
Answers the question		
Takes a clear stand		

Second Paragraph: Counterargument:

	Meets Expectations	Needs Improvement
One compelling counterargument is provided		
It is elaborated with specific and relevant detail, example, or evidence		
An explanation of how this evidence challenges your argument is provided		
Counterargument is refuted		

Third (and possibly fourth) Paragraph: Argument:

	Meets Expectations	Needs Improvement
Three to four reasons are given		
Evidence is specific		
An explanation of how this evidence proves your thesis correct is provided		

Final Paragraph: Conclusion:

	Meets Expectations	Needs Improvement
Thesis is reworded		
Thesis is related to new information		
Significance (so what?) is explained		