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| **Criteria** | **Strong** | **Minor Errors** | **Below Standard** |
| **Content Understanding** |
| Introduction- Hook |  |  |  |
| **Thesis:** evident and parallel |  |  |  |
| Focus (entire paper supports thesis) |  |  |  |
| Research Support Throughout Paper (Elaboration) |  |  |  |
| Relevant and reliable sources |  |  |  |
| Paragraph Organization (SEE+C Method) |  |  |  |
| Conclusion (restates thesis and provides synthesis and final thought) |  |  |  |
| Graph supports thesis |  |  |  |
| **Conventions** |
| MLA format |  |  |  |
| Indented paragraphs  |  |  |  |
| Spelling |  |  |  |
| Punctuation  |  |  |  |
| Capitalization |  |  |  |
| Sentence structure:  complete vs. compound/complex/varied |  |  |  |
| Agreement (S/V and P/A) |  |  |  |
| Formal lang./strong vocab./details |  |  |  |
| Written in the 3rd Person POV |  |  |  |