

Criteria	Excellent (5)	Good (4)	Fair (3)	Needs Improvement (2)	Inadequate (1)
Thesis & Main Idea	Very clear, insightful, and focused thesis; strong understanding of topic	Clear and well-developed thesis; good understanding	Basic thesis with limited development	Weak or unclear thesis	No clear thesis; ideas confusing or off-topic
Organization	Strong structure with clear intro, body, conclusion; smooth flow	Clear structure; mostly smooth transitions	Basic structure; transitions choppy	Weak structure; unclear sections	Disorganized; little or no structure
Relevance to Topic	All points directly support the topic and thesis	Mostly relevant with minor off-topic points	Some points loosely related	Many points irrelevant	Most points off-topic
Depth of Analysis	Thoughtful, meaningful insights; strong analysis	Solid analysis showing good understanding	Basic, surface-level analysis	Limited exploration of topic	Little or no analysis; mostly descriptive

Clarity of Speech	Very clear; strong articulation; steady voice	Clear and understandable	Occasional clarity issues	Frequent clarity problems	Hard to understand
Gestures, Body Language & Eye Contact	Gestures enhance the message and engage the audience	Mostly effective gestures and body language	Gestures sometimes distracting	Body language detracts from the message	Little or no effective body language or eye contact