

| EVIDENCE-BASED CLAIMS CRITERIA CHECKLIST II - G9-10  |   | COMMENTS |
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| <b>I. CONTENT AND ANALYSIS</b><br><i>An EBC is a clearly stated inference that arises from close reading of a text.</i>                                      | <b>Clarity of the Claim:</b> States an idea you have inferred directly from a text and that you want others to consider.  |          |
|  | <b>Conformity to the Text:</b> Is directly based upon – and may comment on – the ideas, details, language, and form of a text.  |          |
|  | <b>Understanding of the Topic:</b> Demonstrates knowledge of and sound thinking about a text or topic that matters to you and others.                                     |          |
| <b>II. COMMAND OF EVIDENCE</b><br><i>An EBC is supported by specific textual evidence and developed through valid reasoning.</i>                             | <b>Reasoning :</b> Represents sound thinking supported by relevant and sufficient evidence drawn directly from the text.  |          |
|  | <b>Use and Integration of Evidence:</b> Presents and integrates supporting quotations and textual references in a logical sequence that explains and discusses the claim. |          |
|  | <b>Thoroughness and Objectivity:</b> Is explained fairly and thoroughly, including unbiased references to counterclaims or conflicting evidence.                          |          |
| <b>III. COHERENCE AND ORGANIZATION</b><br><i>An EBC and its support are coherently organized into a unified explanation.</i>                                 | <b>Relationship to Context:</b> Indicates where your claim is coming from (its source) and why it is relevant.  |          |
|  | <b>Relationships among Parts:</b> Groups and presents supporting evidence in a clear and logical way that helps others understand your claim.                             |          |
|  | <b>Relationship to Other Claims:</b> Can be linked in a logical sequence of related claims to produce a well-reasoned argument.   |          |
| <b>IV. CONTROL OF LANGUAGE AND CONVENTIONS</b><br><i>An EBC is communicated clearly and precisely, with responsible use/citation of supporting evidence.</i> | <b>Clarity of Communication:</b> Is stated clearly, coherently, precisely, and objectively, using appropriate language, syntax and writing conventions.                   |          |
|  | <b>Responsible Use of Evidence:</b> Uses quotations and/or paraphrasing accurately, and indicates where the evidence can be found in the text.                            |          |