#### Judge Number Contestant Number

**Technical Scoring Rubric**

| **Items to Evaluate** | **Below Average****1-5 points** | **Average****6-10 points** | **Good****11 – 15 points** | **Excellent****16-20 points** | **Points Awarded** |
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| **Comprehension** | * Topic not identified
* Not focused
* Random thoughts
* Difficult to read
* Desperate for ideas
 | * Topic not clear
* Searching for ideas
* No clear purpose
* Hard to picture
 | * Clear message
* General
* Functional
* Difficult to focus
* Shows some purpose
 | * Ideas well-organized
* Demonstrates understanding of subject matter
* Easy to read
* All important points covered
* Free of content errors
* Awareness of issue
* Grasps overall issue
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| **Organization** | * No logic
* No continuity
* Gaps of information
 | * Somewhat logical
* Difficult to understand
* Irregular pacing
 | * Mostly logical
* Some structure
* Some critical connections
 | * Argument follows logical progression
* Easily understood
* Orderly presentation
* Structured to keep reader interested
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| **Conclusions** | * No argument
* Passive
* Struggling
 | * Too broad
* Lacking detail
* Meaning obscured
 | * Vague argument
* Weak evidence
* Lacking in purpose
 | * Logical argument
* Evidence to support
* Convincing
* Factual findings/ discoveries
* Compelling summary
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| **Creativity** | * Inadequate resources
* Bland
* Rote response
* Colorless
 | * Lacking in resources
* General
* Acceptable
 | * Weak resources
* Shows some passion
* Some originality
* Obvious images
 | * Diverse resources, including interviews
* Creative angle on the issue
* Originality
* Proficiency
* Inventiveness
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| **Writing** | * Need for editing
* Misuse of words
* Imprecise
 | * Limited correctness
* Stumbling
* Disjointed
 | * Readable
* Questionable meaning
* Functional
 | * Correct grammar, spelling, punctuation
* Concise language
* Sentence structure/ patterns
* Expressiveness
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| **TOTAL TECHNICAL SCORING POINTS (100 points maximum)** |  |