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AP Language and Composition

Into the Wild Argumentative Essay Rubric

Essay Requirements	Points Earned/Possible Points
Addresses Prompt Question: Clearly and concisely addresses prompt question	_____/10 points
Introduction (Opening Paragraph): Introduces topic and argument effectively	_____/10 points
Has a Strong Thesis: Thesis addresses topic and states argument, or claim, of writer	_____/10 points
Evidence/Examples From Books: Writer uses strong direct evidence, or specific examples from books, to support argument	_____/15 points
Commentary/Analysis: Writer clearly and concisely states how evidence used from text supports overall argument/thesis	_____/15 points
Essay Style/Structure: Writer uses correct style—citations, topic sentences, etc.—and uses effective structure to present argument	_____/15 points
Conclusion: The conclusion, or final paragraph, wraps up argument nicely and leaves reader wanting more	_____/10 points
Grammar/Spelling/Structure: There is a minimal number of errors in grammar, sentence structure, spelling, and form	_____/15 points
Total Score	_____/100 points