Scoring Criteria

1. Organization
   - Appropriate paragraphing (with transitions and topic sentences)
   - Consistently reinforces thesis
   - Stays on topic

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2. Content
   - Clear, interesting thesis that observes contradictions and tensions
   - Demonstrates understanding in the analysis
   - Avoids generalizations by providing adequate and appropriate evidence
   - Cogent use of secondary sources that are integrated into the essay
   - Title adequately reflects content of paper (and is witty, clever)

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3. Audience and Purpose
   - Socialized into genre (e.g., literary criticism)

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4. Style
   - Stylistically strong (parallel structure, vivid word choice, varied sentence structure)
   - Demonstrates clarity and a control of language

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5. **Punctuation and Grammar**
   - Mechanics (comma usage, sentence fragments, pronoun usage)

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6. **Criteria for Research Papers**
   - Appropriately cites sources

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7. **Overall, this paper is:**

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