**Assessment Rubric**: Explanatory Writing

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| Name: | Poverty and Race in the 2016 Presidential Election | Date: |  |

Rate your explanatory writing from 1 (incomplete) to 6 (amazing) for each trait below. Add the scores together and divide by the number of traits (6) to find your overall score.

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| 4 | **STIMULATING IDEAS** |
|  | ***The explanation . . .***   * presents a clear thesis about an interesting topic. * supports the thesis using strong main points and a variety of engaging details. |
| 4 | **LOGICAL ORGANIZATION** |
|  | ***The explanation . . .***   * catches the reader’s attention at the beginning and provides the thesis statement. * includes a well-formed paragraph for each main point. * ends by thoughtfully wrapping up the explanation. |
| 4 | **ENGAGING VOICE** |
|  | ***The explanation . . .***   * uses a confident, knowledgeable voice to explain. * conveys interest to the reader. |
| 4 | **ORIGINAL WORD CHOICE** |
|  | ***The explanation . . .***   * uses action verbs and precise nouns. * defines any unfamiliar terms. |
| 4 | **EFFECTIVE SENTENCE STYLE** |
|  | ***The explanation . . .***   * varies sentence types, lengths, and beginnings. * reads smoothly from sentence to sentence. |
| 4 | **CORRECT, ACCURATE COPY** |
|  | ***The explanation . . .***   * has correct punctuation, capitalization, grammar, usage, and spelling. |

You solidly lay out your analysis and record the statistics that demonstrate your main points. In a few places, some sentences could be smoothed out, and occasionally the comparison is not clearly stated. Also, make sure to carefully check your work (a figure is incorrectly reported in one sentence and correctly reported again in the next).