Rubric for the Development of Ideas or Projects

SCORE	THESIS AND IDEA DEVELOPMENT	ORGANIZATION	STYLE, VOICE, AND CLARITY	CONVENTIONS AND MECHANICS
5 Outstanding	There is ample evidence that the idea has been thoroughly developed through research, questioning, and making connections	Clear and consistent organization presents the development of the idea in a compelling and logical manner	The response is clear and original and employs appropriate stylistic elements for effect in an exceptional manner	Syntax, grammar, and conventions are correct and add to the effectiveness of the response
4 Exceeds Expectations	There is clear evidence that the idea has been developed through research, questioning, and making connections	The organization is clear and makes the development of the idea apparent	The response is clear and employs appropriate stylistic elements for effect	Few or no errors are present in usage or syntax
3 Meets Expectations	There is some evidence that the idea has been adequately developed through research, questioning, and making connections	The organization is adequate to represent the development of the idea	The response is mostly clear and adequately employs stylistic elements	Minor errors in usage or syntax may be present, but without repetition or undermining overall effectiveness
2 Approaching Expectations	Evidence that the idea has been developed through research, questioning, and making connections is unclear or lacking in some areas	Some flaws in organization or lack of clarity makes the development of the idea unclear or hard to follow	The response may be unclear or misuses stylistic elements in ways that interfere with voice and meaning	Patterns of errors in usage or syntax undermine the effectiveness of the response
1 Well Below Expectations	Evidence of development of the idea is missing or unclear	The organization lacks focus and clarity; development is unclear	The response is vague or lacks clarity; stylistic choices may confuse rather than enhance meaning	Significant errors in usage or syntax obscure the meaning and effectiveness of the response