**Writing Rubric – Analytical Paragraph (20 point)**

**Topic Sentence**/**Evidence**/**Analysis**/**Transitions**/**Style & Mechanics**

**4**

* Topic sentence is two part, argumentative, specific, and answers the prompt and has all 5 components.
* Paragraph includes excellent evidence from the piece which connects to the literary device and the theme and is limited, embedded, and documented correctly.
* Paragraph includes original thought and analysis relating both literary devices in the prompt.
* Paragraph is clear and logical – including academic transitions throughout. (sentence starters, furthermore, consequently, however, etc.)
* Paragraph uses above-average vocabulary, employs some stylistic writing, and has very few mechanical errors.

**3.5**

* Topic sentence would be a 4 but components are missing.
* Paragraph has good evidence but is not documented correctly.
* Paragraph has good insight but only covers either the literary device or the theme - one is missing.
* Academic transitions are used - however, more are required for organization.

**3**

* Topic sentence is two part but broad or too vague.
* Paragraph includes evidence from the piece which connects to the literary devices and the theme but is not limited, embedded, or documented correctly.
* Paragraph includes some original thought and analysis relating to the literary devices but only focuses on the surface level.
* Paragraph includes transitions throughout – however they are basic transitions (first, second, in conclusion, etc.)
* Paragraph uses average vocabulary and sentence variety, and may have some mechanical errors.

**2**

* Topic sentence is one part.
* Paragraph includes evidence that does not have a clear connection to the literary devices and is not limited, embedded, or documented correctly.
* Paragraph includes only summary information of the evidence with no analysis.
* Transitions are there; however, there are not enough to maintain good organization.
* Paragraph uses simple vocabulary and sentence structure. There are several errors in mechanics.

**1**

* Topic sentence???? What topic sentence???
* Evidence??? I need evidence in the paragraph???
* Analysis??? What is that???
* Transition??? I never heard of that before.
* Paragraph uses personal pronouns and you and is filled with mechanical mistakes.

20 = (100) 19 = (95) 18 = (90) 17 = (85) 16 = (80)

15 = (75) 14 = (70) 13 = (65) 12 = (60)