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Score	Component
20	Assignment
	Have you understood the assignment, followed instructions, and responded appropriately?
20	Reading
	Does your response demonstrate familiarity with and understanding of the material?
20	Support
	Do you substantiate claims you make, justify your assertions, and develop an evidence-based argument? Are assertions of fact backed up by citations?
10	Organization
	Have you shaped your response so that it starts from a clearly articulated thesis, which you develop and lead to a conclusion?
10	Clarity/Concision
	Is your writing clear, concise, easy to follow, and without ambiguity and unnecessary padding?
10	Mechanics
	Are your grammar, spelling, syntax and punctuation correct?
10	Je ne sais qua/gestalt
	Is this a good read? Have you helped the reader to understand the topic or see it in a new way? Have you found a uniquely effective or engaging way to build your response?