

### STAR Writing Strategy Rubric

Criteria	3 - Proficient	2 - Developing	1 - Beginning
<b>S = Set Up</b>	Provides a clear and engaging introduction that sets up the topic and clearly states the main idea or claim.	Introduction is present but may be unclear or only somewhat related to the main idea or claim.	Introduction is missing, unclear, or does not relate to the main idea or claim.
<b>T = Text Evidence</b>	Includes relevant and accurate text evidence that directly supports the main idea; quotes or details are cited correctly with signal phrases.	Includes text evidence but it is somewhat vague, less relevant, or citation is incomplete/inaccurate.	Text evidence is missing, irrelevant, or incorrectly cited.
<b>A = Analyze</b>	Thoroughly explains the significance of the evidence; clearly connects evidence to the main idea; demonstrates deep understanding.	Provides some explanation of evidence but connection to the main idea is weak or incomplete.	Offers little or no analysis; fails to connect evidence to the main idea.
<b>R = Restate</b>	Effectively restates the main idea or claim in a new way; conclusion clearly wraps up the response and reinforces the argument.	Restates the main idea but with limited variation; conclusion is present but weak.	No restatement or unclear conclusion; does not reinforce the main idea.