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| ***Will Hochman Excellence in Writing Contest Judging Rubric*** | | | | | |
| ***Objectives and Expectations*** | ***-*** | ***√*** | ***+*** | ***NA*** | ***Comments*** |
| **Structure and Content**  Clear thesis statement. |  |  |  |  |  |
| Specific, relevant evidence included. |  |  |  |  |  |
| Paper sticks to topic and develops it (unity). |  |  |  |  |  |
| Smooth transitions between ideas (coherence). |  |  |  |  |  |
| There is more analytical than descriptive material. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Style**  Concise writing. |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tone and word choices are clear and appropriate for the specific audience. |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sources are integrated smoothly into the discussion. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Organization**  Paragraphs are organized and well-developed. |  |  |  |  |  |
| Arguments are logical and clear. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Mechanics**  Grammar and punctuation are correct. |  |  |  |  |  |
| Spelling is accurate. |  |  |  |  |  |
| Paper adheres to specific formatting conventions. |  |  |  |  |  |