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AoW Writing Expectations - 1 full page

I. Summary

A. Introduction (1 sentence)

1. Includes the author's name
2. Includes the title of the published work
3. Includes an overview of the author's argument (main idea)
4. Example: *This week's article of the week, "New Technology," discusses new robotic advances in technology and examines the use of robo-cheetahs, robotic prison guards, and DNA robots.*

B. Says-Means (2-3 sentences)

1. Provides direct references to the text
2. Explains what the text means in your own words
3. Example: *The text states, "...researchers from Harvard University have created tiny nano-sized 'DNA Robots' that can be instructed to hunt and destroy cancer cells" ("New Technology" 1). This advancement in technology provides hope in finding a cure for cancer.*

C. Matters (1-2 sentences)

1. Explains the significance of the quote or reference to the text
2. Connects the textual reference back to the author's argument
3. Example: *The significance of this finding shows that robots can help mankind progress in many ways, and technology is moving forward.*

D. Mechanics and Usage

1. Written in complete sentences using capital letters, punctuation, correct spelling and correct grammar.
2. Emphasis is placed on using commas correctly in compound, complex, and compound-complex sentences.

II. Personal Observation/Reflection

Considering using the following sentence starters:

- A. This is important because
- B. I still don't understand
- C. What is most interesting is
- D. It made me feel
- E. I wonder
- F. I really agree/disagree because
- G. This article has changed how I think about the topic by
- H. This reminds me of