| EVIDENCE-BASED CLAIMS CRITERIA CHECKLIST | ✓ | COMMENTS |
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| **I. CONTENT AND ANALYSIS**<br><br>*An EBC is a clearly stated inference that arises from reading texts closely.* | **Clarity of the Claim:** States a conclusion that you have come to after reading and that you want others to think about. | |
| | **Conformity to the Text:** Is based upon and linked to the ideas and details you have read. | |
| | **Understanding of the Topic:** Demonstrates knowledge of and sound thinking about a text or topic that matters to you and others. | |
| **II. COMMAND OF EVIDENCE**<br><br>*An EBC is supported by specific textual evidence and developed through valid reasoning.* | **Reasoning :** All parts of the claim are supported by specific evidence you can point to in the text(s). | |
| | **Use and Integration of Evidence:** Uses direct quotations and examples from the text(s) to explain and prove its conclusion. | |
| | **Thoroughness and Objectivity:** Is explained thoroughly and distinguishes your claim from other possible positions. | |
| **III. COHERENCE AND ORGANIZATION**<br><br>*An EBC and its support are coherently organized into a unified explanation.* | **Relationship to Context:** States where your claim is coming from and why you think it is important. | |
| | **Relationships among Parts:** Groups and presents supporting evidence in a clear way that helps others understand your claim. | |
| | **Relationship to Other Claims:** Can be linked with other claims to make an argument. | |
| **IV. CONTROL OF LANGUAGE AND CONVENTIONS**<br><br>*An EBC is communicated clearly and precisely, with responsible use/ citation of supporting evidence.* | **Clarity of Communication:** Is clearly and precisely stated, so that others understand your thinking. | |
| | **Responsible Use of Evidence:** Quotes from the text accurately. | |