

EVIDENCE-BASED CLAIMS CRITERIA CHECKLIST II - G11-12		COMMENTS
I. CONTENT AND ANALYSIS <i>An EBC is a clearly stated inference that arises from close reading of a text.</i>	Clarity of the Claim: Purposefully states a valid, text-based inference or conclusion that an identified audience should consider.	
	Conformity to the Text: Arises from (and sometimes comments on) the main ideas, supporting details, language and form of one or more texts.	
	Understanding of the Topic: Presents a knowledgeable analysis, interpretation, commentary, and/or conclusion about a substantive text or topic.	
II. COMMAND OF EVIDENCE <i>An EBC is supported by specific textual evidence and developed through valid reasoning.</i>	Reasoning : Communicates a supported inference and valid reasoning based directly on relevant and sufficient textual evidence.	
	Use and Integration of Evidence: Is developed through a logical sequence of quotations, references, or citations that are thoughtfully selected and coherently integrated.	
	Thoroughness and Objectivity: Is explained fairly and thoroughly, and distinguished objectively from relevant counterclaims and/or conflicting evidence.	
III. COHERENCE AND ORGANIZATION <i>An EBC and its support are coherently organized into a unified explanation.</i>	Relationship to Context: Is linked to a clearly identified context that helps establish its relevance.	
	Relationships among Parts: Establishes clear and logical relationships among the claim and the various pieces of evidence that have led to it and support it.	
	Relationship to Other Claims: Can be linked in a logical sequence that indicates relationships among multiple claims and evidence and that coheres into a unified line of reasoning or argument.	
IV. CONTROL OF LANGUAGE AND CONVENTIONS <i>An EBC is communicated clearly and precisely, with responsible use/citation of supporting evidence.</i>	Clarity of Communication: Is communicated clearly, coherently, precisely, and objectively, using appropriate language, syntax and writing conventions.	
	Responsible Use of Evidence: Cites textual evidence in a responsible manner, quoting exactly or paraphrasing accurately and referencing precisely where the evidence can be found.	