

Domain 1: IDEAS. Describe the degree to which the writer establishes a controlling idea that family members should participate in the pilgrimage and elaborate the main points with examples, illustrations, facts, or details that are appropriate to the persuasive genre.

Components

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Controlling Idea/Focus • Supporting Ideas • Relevance of Detail | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Depth of Development • Awareness of the Persuasive Purpose • Sense of Completeness |
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5	<p>Full command of the components of Ideas. The writing is characterized by most or all of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fully focused on persuading their fictional family members to participate in the pilgrimage • Fully developed controlling idea that the pilgrimage was an event that should be experienced • Supporting ideas and elaboration that are relevant include: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. a description of the large numbers of servants and soldiers that accompanied the king on the pilgrimage. b. an explanation of the amount of stuff that the king took with him—camels, food, clothing, supplies. c. an awareness of the amount of gold that the king brought and distributed during the pilgrimage. • Supporting ideas are fully elaborated throughout the letter with logical examples, details, and evidence (facts, expert opinions, quotations, or commonly accepted beliefs) • Uses rhetorical devices to support assertions (e.g., appeal to emotion, personal anecdote, analogy, logical reasoning) • Response contains an abundance of information that fully addresses readers’ concerns, counterarguments, biases, or expectations, such as the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. A servant would have less awareness of the impact of Mansa Mūsā’s actions as they get a limited view of the action. b. Servants would be illiterate and therefore unable to write a letter to their relatives.
4	<p>Consistent control of the components of Ideas. The writing is characterized by most or all of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consistently focused on persuading their fictional family members to participate in the pilgrimage • Well-developed controlling idea that the pilgrimage was an event that should be experienced • Supporting ideas and elaboration that are relevant include: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. a description of the large numbers of servants and soldiers that accompanied the king on the pilgrimage. b. an explanation of the amount of stuff that the king took with him—camels, food, clothing, supplies. • Supporting ideas are consistently well developed with specific examples, details, and evidence • Uses some rhetorical devices to support assertions (e.g., appeal to emotion,

	<p>personal anecdote, analogy, logical reasoning)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Response contains complete information and addresses readers’ concerns, counterarguments, biases, or expectations, such as the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. A servant would have less awareness of the impact of Mansa Mūsā’s actions as they get a limited view of the action. b. Servants would be illiterate and therefore unable to write a letter to their relatives.
3	<p>Sufficient control of the components of Ideas. The writing is characterized by most or all of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sufficiently focused on persuading their fictional family members to participate in the pilgrimage • Sufficiently developed controlling idea that the pilgrimage was an event that should be experienced • Most supporting ideas are relevant to the writer’s argument • Supporting ideas are developed with some specific examples, details, and evidence that include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. a description of the large numbers of servants and soldiers that accompanied the king on the pilgrimage. • Some parts of the paper may be well developed, but other parts of the paper are only partially developed • Response is generally appropriate to the persuasive purpose and may include some rhetorical devices • Response contains sufficient information to provide a sense of completeness and address some reader concerns, such as the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. A servant would have less awareness of the impact of Mansa Mūsā’s actions as they get a limited view of the action.
2	<p>Minimal control of the components of Ideas. The writing is characterized by most or all of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimally focused on persuading their fictional family members to participate in the pilgrimage • Minimally developed controlling idea that the pilgrimage was an event that should be experienced • Some points and details may be irrelevant or inappropriate to the writer’s argument • Supporting ideas are vague, general, and/or undeveloped • Some ideas may be partially developed, while others are simply listed without development • Response demonstrates minimal awareness of the persuasive purpose • Response lacks sufficient information (due to incomplete development or the repetition of supporting ideas) to provide a sense of completeness and address reader concerns
1	<p>Little or no control of the components of Ideas. The writing is characterized by most or all of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Little or no focus on the assigned topic and/or persuasive purpose • Writer’s position may be apparent, but a controlling idea is not established • Ideas do not advance the writer’s position

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ideas are unclear, irrelevant, and/or repeated• Response does not demonstrate awareness of the persuasive purpose• Lacks a sense of completeness and fails to address reader concerns• Insufficient student writing (due to brevity or copying the prompt) to determine competence in Ideas |
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