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Andrew Hunter Writing Award



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| Topic/Focus | The characteristics are mostly found in the essay and demonstrate exceptional ability in each domain. | Is broadly about a topic of Simcoe County history or another historical topic that is identifiably connected to Simcoe County history. | The characteristics are mostly not found in the essay. |
| Organization/Structure | The characteristics are mostly found in the essay and demonstrate exceptional ability in each domain. | Maintains logical structure: Includes an introduction that includes a clear thesis and maps out the essay. Includes body paragraphs that effectively argue the thesis and follow the mapping set out. Includes a conclusion that recapitulates and conceptually closes out the essay. | The characteristics are mostly not found in the essay. |
| Evidence/Support | The characteristics are mostly found in the essay and demonstrate exceptional ability in each domain. | Provides numerous and pertinent pieces of evidence to support the topic. Includes relevant and properly cited/integrated secondary sources. Shows effective understanding of the known information that constitutes the topic. | The characteristics are mostly not found in the essay. |
| Language | The characteristics are mostly found in the essay and demonstrate exceptional ability in each domain. | Uses correct and well-developed sentence structure. Adheres to conventions (grammar, punctuation, spelling, capitalization). Uses domain-specific vocabulary and analytical techniques/methodologies as appropriate. | The characteristics are mostly not found in the essay. |