### **Rubric for Short Reflection Essay (5-7 Sentences)**

| **Criteria** | **Excellent (4)** | **Proficient (3)** | **Basic (2)** | **Needs Improvement (1)** |
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| **Focus and Clarity** | Essay is well-focused and clearly addresses the prompt. Main idea is easy to identify, and the response stays on topic throughout. | Essay addresses the prompt with a clear main idea, but may occasionally stray off-topic. | Essay attempts to address the prompt but lacks a clear main idea or focus. | Essay does not address the prompt or is unclear in its focus. |
| **Support and Evidence** | Provides strong, specific evidence or examples to support ideas. Explanations connect clearly to the main idea. | Includes evidence or examples to support ideas, but they may be general or need more explanation. | Includes minimal evidence or examples; explanations are unclear or incomplete. | Lacks evidence or examples to support ideas; response is vague or unsupported. |
| **Organization** | Ideas are logically organized, with a clear beginning, middle, and end. Transitions are smooth. | Ideas are organized and mostly clear, though transitions may be weak or missing. | Organization is inconsistent; ideas may be hard to follow at times. | Lacks clear organization; ideas are scattered or disconnected. |
| **Grammar and Mechanics** | Writing is free from grammar and spelling errors; sentences are varied and well-constructed. | Writing has minor grammar or spelling errors but does not distract from meaning. | Writing has several errors in grammar or spelling that may affect clarity. | Frequent grammar or spelling errors make the essay difficult to understand. |
| **Length and Effort** | Meets the required length (5-7 sentences) and shows thoughtful effort. | Meets the required length but may show limited effort or detail. | Does not fully meet the required length and lacks detail. | Response is significantly shorter than required and lacks effort. |