***Grading Codes***

**GRAMMAR (BLUE HIGHLIGHTING)**

**Awk:** Awkward/Ungrammatical phasing

**DPar**: Dangling Participal

**frag:** Incomplete sentence/sentence fragment

**M/W:** Missing word or words

**R/O :** Run-on sentence or comma splice

**SP:** Spelling error

**VT:** Incorrect verb tense

**W/C:** Questionable/incorrect word choice

**T is for THESIS (GREEN HIGHLIGHTING)**  
  
**T1**: Missing thesis statement /topic sentence/argumentative point. No argumentative point was made  
  
**T2:** Unclear / argument. The ideas in this point are too general or unclear. Please use more precise words and ideas.  
  
**T3**: Argumentative point does not fit. This point does not respond clearly to the topic OR it does not reflect the thesis statement. Please re-read the topic and make sure that your ideas fit with it.  
  
**T4**: Argumentative point contains summary. Remember, the point must be your original idea—not a simple restatement of something that happens in the text.

**OT: Off topic.** Not directly related to argument or there is no link made.

**P (S) is Paraphrasing (Summary) (PINK HIGHLIGHTING)\***  
  
**P1**: Missing main ideas. Here, you are missing one or more main ideas from the text.  
  
**P2**: Excessive details. Here, you have included too many unnecessary details from the text.  
  
**P3/S3**: Changed or added ideas. You changed or misread the meaning of an author you paraphrased

**P4:** Borrowed words. Unnecessary quoting (should be paraphrased). OR, quoted without quotation marks.

**P5:** Signal Phrase Error: Missing or incorrect use of signal phrase. Also, wrong kind of signal phrase used

**E is for EVIDENCE (YELLOW HIGHLIGHTING)**

**E 1** Missing evidence/factual errors. Here, you forgot to include external supporting material to back up your claim OR the assertion is factually incorrect.

**E 2** Weak evidence. The evidence does not adequately support your point or the source itself lacks credibility

**E 3** Excessive evidence. Here, the quotation is longer than it needs to be and/or there is information in the quote that is not relevant to point.

**E 4** Incorrect citation of evidence. Paraphrase/quote/data from external source is not cited properly.

***Yellow will also be used for highlighting formatting errors.***

**I is for INTERPRETATION (ORANGE HIGHLIGHTING)**

**I 1:** Your interpretation is unclear or weak. Your interpretation of source is weak or unclear because it contains vague vocabulary and/or unclear ideas.

**I 2:**  Your interpretation is like paraphrase. Here, you are simply restating the ideas from the quotation without adding your opinions or original thoughts.  
  
**I 3:** Your interpretation has summary. Here, your interpretation just summarizes some part of the text. The interpretation does not state your opinions or original thoughts. Re-write the interpretation, making sure that you explain how the quotation proves the ideas in your topic sentence.

**I 4:** Your interpretation does not fit. Here, your interpretation does not connect clearly to the ideas in your thesis/ topic sentence. Re-read your topic sentence and make sure that your interpretation fits with it.