EVIDENCE-BASED CLAIMS CRITERIA CHECKLIST		✓	COMMENTS
I. CONTENT AND ANALYSIS ***An EBC is a clearly stated inference that arises from reading texts closely.***	**Clarity of the Claim:** States a conclusion that you have come to after reading and that you want others to think about.		
	Conformity to the Text: Is based upon and linked to the ideas and details you have read.		
	Understanding of the Topic: Demonstrates knowledge of and sound thinking about a text or topic that matters to you and others.		
II. COMMAND OF EVIDENCE ***An EBC is supported by specific textual evidence and developed through valid reasoning.***	**Reasoning :** All parts of the claim are supported by specific evidence you can point to in the text(s).		
	Use and Integration of Evidence: Uses direct quotations and examples from the text(s) to explain and prove its conclusion.		
	Thoroughness and Objectivity: Is explained thoroughly and distinguishes your claim from other possible positions.		
III. COHERENCE AND ORGANIZATION ***An EBC and its support are coherently organized into a unified explanation.***	**Relationship to Context:** States where your claim is coming from and why you think it is important.		
	Relationships among Parts: Groups and presents supporting evidence in a clear way that helps others understand your claim.		
	Relationship to Other Claims: Can be linked with other claims to make an argument.		
IV. CONTROL OF LANGUAGE AND CONVENTIONS ***An EBC is communicated clearly and precisely, with responsible use/ citation of supporting evidence.***	**Clarity of Communication:** Is clearly and precisely stated, so that others understand your thinking.		
	Responsible Use of Evidence: Quotes from the text accurately.		

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