Moving to great essay writing! 

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| Criteria | Awesome! | Good! | Let’s talk! |
| Introduction connects with the question asked | The introduction includes words from the prompt question, and also adds the writer’s idea(s) | The introduction includes words from the prompt | Please connect the first sentence with the prompt question |
| Essay central idea controls the writing’s main point | The essay controlling idea is insightful and original | Has a controlling idea | What is your main controlling idea? |
| Text evidence from both readings supports the essay central idea | Original transitional phrases are used to link ideas | Has a few transitions that are common connecting words | Please add more text evidence |
| Transitional words are appropriate and not common | Transitional words and phrases nicely connect paragraphs and sentences and are unique | Transitions are present | Add transitional words or phrases |
| Precise words | Concrete and precise, fresh new striking words used | Some concrete words | Please add concrete words |
| Conclusion follows the controlling idea and sums up and may lead to a new thought | Conclusion sums up the essay central idea using fresh new language and takes the thoughts to a new next step | Conclusion sums up the essay central idea | Please add a summing up conclusion |
| Conventions | Fine sentencing, usage, spelling, punctuation | Just a few errors in sentencing, spelling, usage, punctuation | Please check sentence, spelling and punctuation  errors |