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| *Gift of the Magi* Outline RubricName:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| **Section** | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| **Thesis**\_\_\_\_\_/4 | The thesis includes of three of the four requirements for a strong thesis | The thesis includes of two of the four requirements for a strong thesis | The thesis includes of one of the four requirements for a strong thesis | The thesis fails to include any of the requirements for a strong thesis |
| **Claim**\_\_\_\_\_/12 | 12-8 | 7-4 | 3-1 | 0 |
| Each claim is based on specific evidence from the text, addresses the prompt and thesis, and is arguable. | Some claims follow the criteria for a strong claim, or there are a couple claims that meet several of the criteria | One claim is follows the criteria for a strong claim, or there are some claims that meet a couple of the criteria  | There are no claims |
| **Evidence**\_\_\_\_\_/9 | Each piece of evidence is accurate, relevant, properly cited, and relates to the claim | Some of the evidence meets the criteria for strong evidence, or there are some pieces of evidence that meet a couple of the criteria | One piece of evidence meets the criteria for a strong claim, or there are a couple pieces of evidence that meet one criteria | There is no evidence |
| **Explanation**\_\_\_\_\_/12 | 9-6 | 5-3 | 2-1 | 0 |
| Each explanation provides connection between evidence and claim, connects the claim to the thesis, and ultimately answers “so what?” | Some explanations meet the criteria for a strong explanation, or there are a couple explanations that meet some of the criteria | One explanation meets the criteria for strong evidence, or there are some explanations that meet a couple of the criteria | There are no explanations |
| **Total points**: \_\_\_\_\_/40 | Comments: |