Romeo and Juliet: Claim and Evidence Rubric

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Explanation of Claims	Explanation of claim specifically provides accurate, detailed information on who or what is responsible/not responsible for the deaths of Romeo and Juliet. The evidence includes direct quotes from the play.	Explanation of claim provides a brief amount of information on who or what is responsible/not responsible for the deaths of Romeo and Juliet. The evidence includes direct quotes from the play.	Explanation of claim provides vague information on who or what is responsible/not responsible for the deaths of Romeo and Juliet. The evidence shows minimal direct quotes from the play.	Explanation of claim provides no information on who or what is responsible/not responsible for the deaths of Romeo and Juliet. The evidence does not include direct quotes from the play.
Analysis of Evidence	Analysis shows sophisticated understanding of how evidence relates to and supports or opposes claims. Rationale of support/non-support reflects understanding of the complex interaction of factors and points of view in the play.	Analysis shows basic understanding of how evidence supports or opposes the claims. Rationale of support/non-support reflects some understanding of the complexity of the play.	Analysis shows vague understand- ing of how evidence relates to the claims. Rationale of support/non- support reflects a superficial understanding.	Analysis shows understanding of evidence/ claim relationship is non-existent or inconsistent. Rationale does not support rating.
Conclusion	Conclusion reflects well-developed understanding of the characters or elements that are most to blame for the deaths based on evidence gathered. Final focus on who or what is ultimately to blame is convincing.	Conclusion reflects adequate understanding of the characters or elements that are most to blame for the deaths based on evidence gathered. Final focus on who or what is ultimately to blame is somewhat convincing.	Conclusion reflects basic understanding of the characters or elements that are most to blame for the deaths based on evidence gathered. Final focus on who or what is to blame is not clearly related to claim.	Conclusion is not related to claim and/or does not show relationship between claim and evidence. No understanding of who or what is to blame is evident.