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Performance Task Writing Prompt

Expand your mid-unit literary analysis into a five-paragraph essay that argues how Adichie uses one motif, or two related motifs, to reveal how Kambili or Jaja changes from the beginning of *Purple Hibiscus* to the end. Be sure to support your ideas with evidence from the beginning, middle, and end of the novel.

Argumentative Writing Rubric

10th Grade English Language Arts

Rubric Scoring Key	Fully meets (4) All criteria present in the writing	Mostly meets (3) Most criteria present, with some misunderstandings	Partially meets (2) Criteria attempted, but significant misunderstandings	Does not meet yet (1) Criteria are not attempted or not enough evidence to rate
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Structure	Rubric Score	Notes
Introduction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uses an engaging hook (such as an anecdote or description), and provides essential context or background information • Presents a precise, nuanced, and debatable claim/thesis • Makes a clear distinction between the claim/thesis and an opposing viewpoint 	4 3 2 1	
Organization <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organizes ideas into body paragraphs that support the claim/thesis with reasons and evidence, demonstrating a clear progression of ideas • Uses varied transitions to connect ideas within and between paragraphs and create cohesion across the piece 	4 3 2 1	
Conclusion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides a concluding statement/section that restates the claim/thesis, summarizes the main reasons, and explains the significance of the argument 		

Development	Rubric Score	Notes
<p>Reasons</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides clear, logical reasons that support the claim/thesis Develops each reason with sufficient evidence and examples Develops the counterclaim using well-chosen evidence and rebuts it, pointing out its limitations 	4 3 2 1	
<p>Evidence & Explanation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Selects relevant evidence (i.e. such as quotations, statistics, facts, anecdotes, opinions, and testimonials) to support each reason Integrates evidence using context, signal phrases, or brief commentary Explains how and why evidence supports the reason and connects back to claim/thesis Demonstrates awareness of audience's knowledge level and concerns through evidence chosen to support reasons 	4 3 2 1	

Language	Rubric Score	Notes
<p>Style</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintains formal language appropriate to the task, audience, and purpose Uses a tone that supports the argument, whether objective or persuasive Chooses diction, vocabulary, and sentence structures to shape tone and strengthen the argument 		
<p>Grammar & Conventions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Uses correct spelling, capitalization, and punctuation Uses proper MLA formatting and citation Demonstrates consistent use of grade-level grammar and usage 	4 3 2 1	