RUBRIC FOR GRAPHIC ORGANIZER, LITERARY THEME, & POEM PRESENTATION

CATEGORY	Excellent	Good	Needs Improvement
GRAPHIC ORGANIZER	The graphic organizer showed that the student compared, evaluated, synthesized, and summarized information from varied resources.	The graphic organizer showed that the student compared and evaluated information from varied resources.	The graphic organizer showed basic connections between facts and concepts.
LITERARY THEME	The student developed a theme for "The Gift of the Magi" that displayed his or her understanding of the story and a more refined level of analysis, interpretation, and expression using three or more examples from the text.	The student developed a theme for "The Gift of the Magi" that displayed his or her understanding of the story and a more refined level of analysis, interpretation, and expression using one or two examples from the text.	The student did not develop a theme that expressed his or her understanding of the story, and did not provide adequate supporting examples from the text.
POEM PRESENTATION	The student's presentation was highly effective in conveying the connections between his or her life experiences, blues music, and a literary theme.	The student's presentation adequately conveyed the connections between his or her life experiences, blues music, and a literary theme.	The student's presentation did not effectively convey the connections between his or her life experiences, blues music, and a literary theme.

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