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1. Argument (20 pts) Does the paper focus on <u>one central question</u> that ties the paper together? Is this thesis a relevant archaeological question that is <u>supportable</u> using the scholarly sources cited in the essay?	
2. Use of Evidence (25 pts) Are at least <u>five</u> new sources referenced, and are the references chosen appropriate scientific sources? How closely are the <u>multiple sources of evidence</u> integrated analytically?	
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4. Organization (20 pts) Is the introduction focused around a <u>clear thesis argument</u>? Is there sufficient relevant background information? Are supporting arguments laid out in a logical and effective order, and a coherent conclusion?	

5. Style (15 pts) Does the essay fulfill the requirements of the essay as specified in the assignment, including structure, length, citation use and style, bibliography, page numbers, and title? Do the language, syntax, grammar, and vocabulary of the paper fulfill expectations for analytical writing at the college level? Has the paper been adequately proofread and spell-checked?	
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