

FIGURE 23.2 **Sample Holistic Essay Rubric.** Teachers can use holistic rubrics to provide an overall impression of students' performance.

Sample 4-point Holistic Rubric

- 4 Advanced (in-depth understanding)—exemplary performance or understanding; shows creativity
- 3 Proficient (general understanding)—solid performance or understanding; meets the standard
- 2 Basic (partial understanding)—performance is emerging or developing; makes errors; has a grasp, but not thorough
- 1 Below basic (minimal understanding)—makes an attempt but has serious errors or misconceptions
- 0 No attempt made

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