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I-Can Statements: This I Believe Essays

**Directions:** For each statement, score yourself from a 4-1.

4 - expert

3 - practitioner

2 - apprentice

1 - novice

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| Criterion | Student Score | Why did you score yourself this way? | Teacher score |
| Essay structure: I included all the parts of an essay:   * introduction paragraph * at least 2 body paragraphs * conclusion paragraph |  |  |  |
| My introduction paragraph hooks the reader, and gives them information about what it’s about |  |  |  |
| My body paragraphs:   * include mini-stories, examples and explanations in balance to explain my ideas * each paragraph contains a reason for my belief and thoughts and feelings that explain it |  |  |  |
| My conclusion paragraph   * does not introduce any new information * does not leave the reader hanging * restates my This I Believe statement in different words |  |  |  |
| I revised by…   * writing sentences of different lengths * changing boring words into more interesting words * having someone else read my essay and give me feedback |  |  |  |
| Editing/mechanics: I used these things correctly throughout my essay:   * Capitalization * Organization * Punctuation * Spelling |  |  |  |