Need help thinking of what to say about an essay? Try starting with one or more of these. First, make two positive comments and then point out areas that can be improved in terms of development of ideas, organization, style, word choice, sentence structure, and conventions. Write your completed sentences in the Two Stars and a Wish boxes.

Two Stars . . .

Your beginning made me want to read more because _________________.
My favorite part was ________________ because _________________.
I like the way you _________________.
You did a great job at _________________.
I really liked the part in which you _________________.
These examples are excellent because _________________.
Your strongest section is _________________.
You chose great words, such as _________________.
The evidence to support the point that _________________. was very effective.
I thought it was funny when _________________.
I thought it was very interesting that _________________.
The dialect between characters was great because it _________________.

A Wish . . .

A suggestion for improvement is _________________.
I was confused when _________________.
I think it would help to rearrange _________________.
On your next revision, you could _________________.
Tell me more about _________________.
I don’t think you need to include _________________.
What do you mean when you said _________________.
Is there evidence to support _________________.
Can you add more details about _________________.
Can you add an example to _________________.
It would help if you added _________________. to your _________________.
You might try using stronger words to describe _________________.
You might want to add dialect when _________________. to _________________.

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