Assessing the Evidence and Conclusions

	Outstanding	**Very good**	**Competent**	**Satisfactory**	**In-progress**
Identifies relevant and important evidence	Identifies the most important and relevant evidence in the documents for each factor.	Identifies relevant evidence including most of the important pieces of information for each factor.	Identifies some relevant evidence for each factor but important pieces of information are omitted.	Identifies some relevant evidence for each factor, but very important pieces of information are omitted or inaccurate.	Identifies almost no relevant evidence in the documents.
Rates strength of motives	Ratings for each suspect are very sound given the evidence.	Ratings for each suspect are sound given the evidence.	Ratings for most suspects are largely sound given the evidence; but minor inconsistency may exist.	Ratings for most suspects are offered but they may not be very consistent with the evidence.	Ratings for each suspect are not offered or are inconsistent with the evidence.

Offers plausible overall conclusion	The conclusion about the prime suspect is highly plausible and highly justifiable in light of the evidence.	The conclusion about the prime suspect is clearly plausible and justifiable in light of the evidence.	The conclusion about the prime suspect is plausible and somewhat justifiable in light of the evidence.	The conclusion about the prime suspect is plausible but is barely justifiable given the evidence.	The conclusion about the prime suspect is implausible and not justifiable given the evidence.