

Figure 5.9: Focus Correction Areas

- Letter clearly answers the prompt and demonstrates how the literary work impacted the letter writer. ____/10
- Letter includes at least two direct quotations from the text. ____/4
- Letter writer demonstrates time spent with his or her use of stylistically sophisticated writing (imagery, descriptive language, or compositional risks) and minimal grammatical errors. ____/2
- Writing is honest and straightforward. ____/2
- Readers should be able to see themselves in the writing or at least care about it, and the letter should have an emotional impact on the reader. ____/2

Source: Adapted from Collins, J. J. (2007). The Collins writing program: Improving student performance through writing and thinking across the curriculum. West Newbury, MA: Collins Education.