

Argument Essay Rubric

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Class Period:

Excellent! 100-90	Great Job! 89-80	Good! 79-70	You can do better! 69-below
Student typed letter on Google Docs, printed it, and turned it in on time.	Student typed letter on Google Docs and shared it with teacher.	Student handwrote essay.	Student hand wrote essay and not legible.
Claim is clearly identifiable and strong in essay.	Claim is weak within essay.	Claim uses phrases like "I believe, I think."	There is no claim.
Evidence is correctly provided and strongly backs up the claim.	Evidence is provided and attempts to back up the claim.	Evidence is provided.	No evidence is provided.
Each piece of evidence is followed up by an explanation in the writer's own words.	Some evidence is followed up by an explanation in the writer's own words.	Explanations are periodically provided without fully explaining the evidence.	No explanation is given.
Quote sandwich used correctly to insert evidence.	Quote sandwich used to insert evidence.	Parts of the quote sandwich used to insert evidence.	No quote sandwich used.
Essay displays a counterclaim (opposite side) and thoroughly explains how the counterclaim is incorrect.	Essay displays a counterclaim and mentions that it is wrong.	Essay speaks of a counterclaim.	No counterclaim mentioned.
Letter has correct spelling, sentence structure, word choice, and grammar. Include mood, tone, and theme.	Letter contains 2-3 spelling, sentence structure, word usage, and grammar errors.	Letter contains 4-6 spelling, sentence structure, word usage, and grammar errors.	Letter contains 7 or more spelling, sentence structure, word usage, and grammar errors.

If student does not turn in essay, the grade of a zero will automatically be given.

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Instructions:

1. You will read articles provided by your teacher to help create your claim.
2. You may use prior knowledge to help your claim.
3. You will type an argumentative essay answering the “big question” provided by your teacher.
4. In your essay, you need a claim, evidence, and reasoning (your explanations) to defend your claim.
5. You need to type the essay on Google Docs - using your own account - and PRINT the essay.
6. You will turn the essay in after you have printed it out.
7. Your essay needs to be in Times New Roman font. No other font will be accepted.
8. Font size must be size 12. Paper must be double spaced.
9. This paper is due with your essay.
10. Use correct MLA format (taught in class).

Checklist:

- Is the essay typed in Google Docs and printed?
- Does the essay contain a claim, evidence, and explanations?
- Does the essay contain phrases such as “I think, I believe”? - It should not.
- Did you use strong word choice?
- Does the essay contain correct grammar, spelling, sentence structure, and word choice?
- Did you use strong quote sandwiches to insert evidence?
- Is your essay in Times New Roman size 12 font?
- Is your paper double spaced?
- Is your name on your essay?