

Argumentation Rubric

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Evidence	Presents a clear and accurate handling of all available evidence that addresses the central point of the claim. All evidence is properly documented and evaluated.	Presents all relevant evidence needed to support the claim with no major errors. Most evidence is properly documented and all is properly evaluated.	Provides evidence for the claim, but may not address all necessary aspects. Most evidence is properly documented and evaluated.	Fails to provide convincing evidence for the claim. Student shows lack of understanding of proper documentation and evaluation.
Claim	Claim is clearly stated, focused on topic, and explained. Rating of claim reflects realistic understanding of process.	Claim is clearly stated, focused on topic, and explained. Rating of claim may not reflect realistic understanding of process.	Claim is stated, focused on topic, and explained. Explanation might not show full understanding of topic/claim complexity, and claim rating might not indicate realistic understanding of process.	Claim is not clearly stated or is unfocused on topic. Explanation might be missing or lacking understanding of topic. Claim rating may be incomplete or unrealistic.
Relational Evidence	Student shows a clear and deep understanding of evidence in relation to the claim.	Student shows a clear understanding of evidence in relation to the claim. Rationale of support (non-support) may not reflect depth of understanding.	Student shows a basic understanding of evidence in relation to the claim. Rationale of support (non-support) may not reflect depth of understanding.	Student's understanding of evidence/claim relationship is weak or inconsistent. Rationale does not support rating.
Conclusion	Conclusion reflects understanding of depth and/or complexity of topic based upon evidence gathered. Includes concise explanation and refutation of alternative perspectives. Conclusion is clearly related to claim.	Conclusion reflects understanding of topic based upon evidence gathered. Includes good explanation and response to key alternative arguments. Conclusion is clearly related to claim.	Conclusion reflects understanding of topic based upon evidence gathered. Little attention is paid to alternative perspectives. Conclusion is not clearly related to claim.	Conclusion is not related to claim and/or does not show relationship between claim, evidence, and conclusion. Alternative perspectives are not addressed.