

## Argumentation Rubric

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<b>Claim</b>	Claim is clearly stated, focused on the topic, and explained. Rating of the claim reflects a realistic understanding of the process.	Claim is clearly stated, focused on the topic, and explained. Rating of the claim reflects a moderately realistic understanding of the process.	Claim is stated, focused on the topic, and explained. Explanation might not show a full understanding of the topic/claim complexity, and claim rating might indicate a minimally realistic understanding of the process.	Claim is not clearly stated or is unfocused on the topic. Explanation might be missing or lacking understanding of the topic. Claim rating may be incomplete or unrealistic.
<b>Evidence</b>	Project presents a clear and accurate treatment of all available evidence that addresses the central point of the claim. All evidence is properly documented and evaluated.	Project presents all relevant evidence needed to support the claim with no major errors. Most evidence is properly documented, and all is properly evaluated.	Project provides evidence for the claim, but may not address all necessary aspects. Most evidence is properly documented and evaluated.	Project fails to provide convincing evidence for the claim. Student shows a lack of understanding of proper documentation and evaluation.
<b>Analysis of Evidence</b>	Student shows an understanding of the complexity of the evidence in relation to the claim. Rationale of support/nonsupport reflects an understanding of multiple factors and perspectives.	Student shows a clear understanding of evidence in relation to the claim. Rationale of support/nonsupport reflects partial understanding of multiple factors and perspectives.	Student shows a basic understanding of evidence in relation to the claim. Rationale of support/nonsupport may not reflect depth of understanding.	Student's understanding of evidence/claim relationship is weak or inconsistent. Rationale does not support rating.
<b>Conclusion</b>	Conclusion reflects an understanding of the depth and/or complexity of the topic based on evidence gathered. Possible counterarguments are thoroughly addressed. Conclusion is clearly related to the claim and thoroughly described.	Conclusion reflects an understanding of topic based on evidence gathered. Possible counterarguments are explained with little detail. Conclusion is clearly related to the claim.	Conclusion reflects an understanding of the topic based on evidence gathered. Possible counterarguments are only mentioned. Conclusion is not clearly related to the claim.	Conclusion is not related to the claim or does not show relationship between the claim and evidence. Possible counterarguments are not addressed.