

## Rubric Argumentative Essay

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<b>INTRODUCTION</b> Background/History Define the Problem Thesis Statement	Well developed introductory paragraph contains detailed background information, a clear explanation or definition of the problem, and a thesis statement.	Introductory paragraph contains some background information and states the problem, but does not explain using details. States the thesis of the paper.	Introduction states the thesis but does not adequately explain the background of the problem. The problem is stated, but lacks detail.	Thesis and/or problem is vague or unclear Background details are a seemingly random collection of information, unclear, or not related to the topic.	_____
Locate these three items in the introductory paragraph: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• background information</li> <li>• an explanation of the controversy</li> <li>• a clear thesis statement</li> </ul> Comments:					
<b>MAIN POINTS</b> Body Paragraphs Refutation	Three or more main points are well developed with supporting details. Refutation paragraph acknowledges the opposing view, and summarizes their main points.	Three or more main points are present but may lack detail and development in one or two. Refutation paragraph acknowledges the opposing view, but doesn't summarize points.	Three or more main points, but all lack development. Refutation paragraph missing and/or vague.	Less than three main points, with poor development of ideas. Refutation missing or vague.	_____
Locate these items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• refutation paragraph - acknowledges and summarizes the opposing view</li> <li>• body paragraphs (3) - each begins with a topic sentence and contains detailed supporting information</li> </ul> Comments:					
<b>CONCLUSION</b>	Conclusion summarizes the main topics without repeating previous sentences; writer's opinions and suggestions for change are logical and well thought out.	Conclusion summarizes main topics. Some suggestions for change are evident.	Conclusion summarizes main topics, but is repetitive. No suggestions for change and/or opinions are included.	Conclusion does not adequately summarize the main points. No suggestions for change or opinions are included.	_____
Locate these items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• conclusion summarizes the paper's main points</li> <li>• suggestions for change are included in conclusion</li> </ul>					

Comments:					
<b>MECHANICS</b> Sentence Structure Punctuation & Capitalization	Sentence structure is correct. Punctuation and capitalization are correct.	Sentence structure is generally correct. Some awkward sentences do appear. There are one or two errors in punctuation and/or capitalization.	Work contains structural weaknesses and grammatical errors. There are three or four errors in punctuation and/or capitalization.	Work contains multiple incorrect sentence structures. There are four or more errors in punctuation and/or capitalization.	_____
Comment on the sentence structure, punctuation and capitalization					
Comments on the overall essay (what is good, what needs improved):				Total ->	_____