

Grading Criteria for Argumentative Essay

Content 60 Points	<i>Points Earned XX/60</i>	Additional Comments:
<p>All key elements of the assignment are covered in a substantive way.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Article is 1250-1500 (5-6 pages) minimum words in length. Shows proper documentation of sources and references. Paper is written in third-person point of view or limited first-person narration. 		
<p>Content is comprehensive, accurate, and/or persuasive.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Content discusses a local, regional or national current event or political issue that has personal application to the student's environment. 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Major points are stated clearly and are supported by specific details, examples, or analysis. Quotes, where needed. 		
Organization / Development 20 Points		
<p>Essay structure that is clear, logical, and easy to follow.</p>	<i>Points Earned XX/20</i>	Additional Comments:
<p>Essay develops a central theme or idea, directed toward the appropriate audience.</p>		
<p>Introduction provides sufficient background on the topic and previews major points.</p>		
<p>Conclusion is logical, flows from the body of the article, and may review the major points.</p>		
<p>Effective transitions between sentences, paragraphs, and sections aid in maintaining the flow of thought.</p>		
<p>Tone is appropriate to the content and article.</p>		
Mechanics 20 Points	<i>Points Earned XX/20</i>	Additional Comments:
<p>The essay follows MLA Style guidelines for format.</p>		
<p>Use of active voice is primary construction of sentences.</p>		
<p>Rules of grammar, usage, and punctuation are followed.</p>		
<p>Sentences are complete, clear, concise, and varied.</p>		
<p>Spelling is correct.</p>		
Total 100 Points	<i>Points Earned XX/100</i>	Additional Comments: