

ARGUMENTATIVE WRITING: LITERARY ANALYSIS PARAGRAPH RUBRIC

6th-8th Grade English

Category	Criteria	Your Progress Toward Mastery		
Topic Sentence	Check for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is an inference • Does not use first person • Makes a claim 	Met	Making progress	Not yet
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Introduction of Quotation	Check for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Points the reader to the place in the story you are going to discuss • Does not go over two sentences • Is not too much plot summary or too much detail 	Met	Making progress	Not yet
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Quotation	Check for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The signal phrase provides a clear signal that a quote is coming • The quote is in quotation marks, and is followed by the page number in parentheses • Offers evidence from the text • Supports the topic sentence 	Met	Making progress	Not yet
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Analysis	Check for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unpacks the quotation required by looking at more than just what the words say • Examines the author's choices (diction) and sentence construction (syntax) • Explores theme(s), figurative language, literary devices, imagery, or mood 	Met	Making progress	Not yet
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Conclusion	Check for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarifies and/or extends exactly how you have proved the point in your topic sentence 	Met	Making progress	Not yet

Form and Style	Check for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All tenses match • All subject/verbs agree • Variety of type of sentences • Transitions between ideas 	<table border="0"> <tr> <td>Met</td> <td>Making progress</td> <td>Not yet</td> </tr> </table>	Met	Making progress	Not yet									
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Language and Mechanics	Check for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pronouns in the proper case • Appropriate spelling, grammar, and punctuation • Fix any comma splices or fragments or run-ons 	<table border="0"> <tr> <td>Met</td> <td>Making progress</td> <td>Not yet</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Met</td> <td>Making progress</td> <td>Not yet</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Met</td> <td>Making progress</td> <td>Not yet</td> </tr> </table>	Met	Making progress	Not yet	Met	Making progress	Not yet	Met	Making progress	Not yet			
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