

Argumentative Writing Rubric

7th Grade English Language Arts

Rubric Scoring Key	Fully meets (4) All criteria present in the writing	Mostly meets (3) Most criteria present, with some misunderstandings	Partially meets (2) Criteria attempted, but major misunderstandings	Does not meet yet (1) Criteria are not attempted or not enough evidence to rate
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Structure	Rubric Score	Notes
Introduction Introduces a clear, focused claim and an opposing or alternate claim; establishes the context for the argument; previews logical reasons that support the claim	4 3 2 1	
Organization Organizes ideas logically; uses a variety of transitions and organizational strategies to clarify relationships among claims, counterclaims, reasons, and evidence	4 3 2 1	
Conclusion Provides a well-developed conclusion that reinforces the claim and counterclaim; summarizes the main points; offers a final thought or insight related to the argument	4 3 2 1	

Development	Rubric Score	Notes
Claim Introduces a specific, debatable claim that requires support through logical reasoning and evidence; maintains consistent focus on the claim; acknowledges a counterclaim and provides a rebuttal to strengthen the argument	4 3 2 1	

<p>Reasoning Provides logical and well-developed reasons that support the claim; connects reasons to relevant, credible evidence; explains how the evidence supports the claim; explains the counterclaim and rebuttal to strengthen the argument</p>	<p>4 3 2 1</p>	
<p>Evidence Selects relevant and credible evidence to support claims and reasons; demonstrates understanding of the topic; integrates facts, examples, or quotations smoothly into the writing</p>	<p>4 3 2 1</p>	

Language	Rubric Score	Notes
<p>Style Maintains a formal style and appropriate tone for the audience and purpose; uses language that is precise and engaging</p>	<p>4 3 2 1</p>	
<p>Grammar Demonstrates consistent command of grade-level grammar and usage, which enhances clarity and contributes to the overall meaning of the narrative, including cumulative adjectives, use of phrases and clauses, and varied sentence structure</p>	<p>4 3 2 1</p>	
<p>Conventions Applies correct spelling, punctuation, and capitalization that support the clarity and flow of the writing</p>	<p>4 3 2 1</p>	