Persuasive Writing Rubric

Category	Criteria	Your Progress Toward Mastery		
Introduction	Check for: Introductory sentence/hook Relevant background information Claim (with two sub-claims)	Met Met Met	Making progress Making progress Making progress	Not yet Not yet Not yet
Body Paragraph 1	Check for: Topic sentence (with sub-claim) Introduce the words/ideas from research (cite) Strong, relevant proof/evidence Analysis (connecting topic sentence and claim to evidence)	Met Met Met Met	Making progress Making progress Making progress Making progress	Not yet Not yet Not yet Not yet
Body Paragraph 2	Check for: Topic sentence (with sub-claim) Introduce the words/ideas from research (cite) Strong, relevant proof/evidence Analysis (connecting topic sentence and claim to evidence)	Met Met Met Met	Making progress Making progress Making progress Making progress	Not yet Not yet Not yet Not yet
Conclusion	Check for: • Summarize argument in a new way • Call to action	Met Met	Making progress Making progress	Not yet Not yet
Form & Style	Check for: Variety of type of sentences Transitions/linking words between ideas Evidence pulled from 2 or more sources Works cited page included	Met Met Met Met	Making progress Making progress Making progress Making progress	Not yet Not yet Not yet Not yet
Language & Mechanics	Check for: • Pronouns in the proper case • Appropriate spelling, grammar, and punctuation	Met Met	Making progress Making progress	Not yet Not yet