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Argumentative Rubric

	Accomplished	Skilled	Competent	Needs Improvement
Purpose & Focus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Essay progressed logically to thoroughly support thesis, a thoughtful beginning, and a meaningful conclusion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Adequate progression of ideas in support of thesis, a functional intro, and a conclusion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Progression of ideas from beginning to end with some insufficient or weak areas, including your claim, intro or conclusion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Progression is unclear or underdeveloped; contains random thoughts; missing intro and/or conclusion
Organization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Thesis is well-written & complex <input type="checkbox"/> Clearly addresses opposing claim and strongly refutes it <input type="checkbox"/> Transitions occur seamlessly between & within paragraphs. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Meaningful thesis answers prompt <input type="checkbox"/> Addresses opposing claims and refutes it <input type="checkbox"/> Transitional strategies connect ideas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Thesis is simplistic, but answers the prompt <input type="checkbox"/> May raise a counterclaim but has a weak or generalized refutation <input type="checkbox"/> Transitional strategies are weak or simplistic 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Thesis fails to address prompt; no discernable thesis <input type="checkbox"/> Fails to address opposing claim or to refute it <input type="checkbox"/> Minimal or ineffective use of transitions
Evidence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Only relevant lines of text are used in support of claim <input type="checkbox"/> Quotations are edited and seamlessly blended into writing. <input type="checkbox"/> Source materials are attributed correctly. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Most lines are relevant, but some could be better chosen or edited for length <input type="checkbox"/> Quotations are blended in a simplistic way. <input type="checkbox"/> Sources are mostly attributed correctly. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Not enough evidence or it seems randomly selected <input type="checkbox"/> Quotations aren't smoothly integrated <input type="checkbox"/> Sources are attributed, yet often incorrectly. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Not enough evidence given; relies too heavily on one source <input type="checkbox"/> Lacks quotation integration <input type="checkbox"/> Sources aren't attributed or are done incorrectly
Elaboration of Evidence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Showcased depth of analysis of the evidence by discussing it thoroughly & answered the question "why is this evidence important?" in clearly proving claim. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Analysis of most evidence shows depth; some analysis should have been deeper to show importance or to prove your claim 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Too much of elaboration was a restatement or summary; didn't analyze how the evidence proves your claim; analysis was inconsistent 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Analysis not evident; lacks sufficient analysis <input type="checkbox"/> You had too many quotes & not enough of your explanation/analysis
Conventions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Few errors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Minor errors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Many errors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Errors distract reader
Style	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Demonstrates personal voice based on original, precise, & meaningful language and sentence structure 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Shows emerging voice based on word choice and sentence structure 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Attempts to have a voice but uses vague/dry language. Sentences may be awkwardly worded/run-ons/frags 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Lacks voice or uses inappropriate voice; undeveloped language. Lacks awareness of sentence structure.

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