

# Argument Assignment Rubric

Final Due Date: Monday, March 7

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## Pre-Writing and Prep Work: (25 points total)

\_\_\_\_\_/5: Graphic Organizer  
\_\_\_\_\_/10: Argument Tracker  
\_\_\_\_\_/10: Editing Checklist/Rough Draft

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## Final Paper: (50 points total)

### Introduction

3 points	2 points	1 points	0 points
The introduction: -Includes the claim -Gives any necessary background information on the topic (builds reader's schema)	The introduction is missing one of the required features listed.	The introduction is missing many features, including or claim.	Missing

### Evidence #1

5 points	4-3 points	2-1 point	0 points
Evidence directly supports the claim. It is logical and clear. The text is green.	Evidence is in the same ballpark as the claim, but there isn't an obvious connection between the two.	Evidence is missing some information that makes it unclear and hard to connect back to the claim.	Evidence is missing.

### Warrant #1

5 points	4-3 points	2-1 point	0 points
Warrant provides additional information to support the claim. The warrant makes sense and doesn't leave the reader with any lingering questions. Make it red.	Warrant is there, but could be more detailed.	Warrant isn't clear or connected to the evidence. Leaves the reader with more questions. Foggy.	Missing Warrant

### Counterclaim

2 point	1 points	0 points
Counterclaim is clearly stated to oppose the original claim.	Counterclaim is unclear	Counterclaim is not stated.

## Rebuttal

5 points	4-3 points	2-1 point	0 points
Rebuttal is stated, then flipped in order to support the claim. There is a clear connection between the evidence and the rebuttal, meaning they are revolving around the same topic. The rebuttal is well thought out and explained (which may mean providing additional warrant). Make it blue.	Rebuttal is stated. The writer attempted to flip it in his/her favor, but it is still a little unclear. There is as strong attempt at explanation.	Rebuttal is mentioned but not flipped in the favor of the claim. Rebuttal doesn't directly connect to evidence.	Rebuttal is missing.

## Warrant #1

5 points	4-3 points	2-1 point	0 points
Warrant provides additional information to support the rebuttal. The warrant makes sense and doesn't leave the reader with any lingering questions. Make it red.	Warrant is there, but could be more detailed.	Warrant isn't clear or connected to the rebuttal. Leaves the reader with more questions. Foggy.	Missing Warrant

## Closing/Conclusion

3 points	2 points	1 points	0 points
The closing is a few sentences that wrap up your thoughts. It repeats the claim and sums up your evidence points. It leaves the reader feeling satisfied.	The closing is there but doesn't clearly restate the claim and evidence.	Closing is weak and missing the before mentioned parts.	Missing

## Fluency and Flow

3 points	1 point	0 points
The paper flows nicely from paragraph to paragraph, idea to idea, and sentence to sentence. You have appropriate transitions that make it easy for the reader can follow along in your argument. Word choice is consistent.	Your paper is kind of choppy. You need better transitions and word choice.	It's kinda like you whole paper is 4 different essays. :)

## Point of View

3 points	1 point	0 points
The entire paper should be written in third person. NO I, WE, or YOU	Most of the paper is in third person but you slip into 2nd or 1st at times.	Whole paper is written in first person.

## Grammar

### Sentence Structure:

For each of the structural elements below, you need to follow these steps:

1. Highlight the part of the essay that meets the requirements
2. Go to INSERT (from the top options bar) and then COMMENT
3. In the bubble that appears to the right, write the words from the “What you should write in the comment” column below

Your Score	Total Possible Score	Structural Elements	What you should write in the comment...
	out of 2	1 prepositional phrase (at beginning of sentence)	PREP PHRASE
	out of 2	1 appositive	APPOSITIVE
	out of 2	1 simple sentence	SIMPLE
	out of 2	1 compound sentence	COMPOUND
	out of 2	1 complex sentence	COMPLEX

### Run Ons

2 points	1 point	0 points
There are no run ons in the paper.	There are a few run ons in the paper.	There are more than 3 run ons in the paper.

### Capitalization

2 points	1 point	0 points
There are no obvious capitalization errors in the paper	There are a few obvious capitalization errors in the paper.	There are too many capitalization errors in the paper.

### Spelling

2 points	1 point	0 points
There are no obvious spelling errors in the paper	There are a few obvious spelling errors in the paper.	There are too many spelling errors in the paper.

**Total Points on Final Paper:**

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