

Argumentative Writing Rubric

Name:

Period:

Criteria	Mrs. Mosdell's Comments
My essay introduces my topic with an appropriate thesis, hook, and background information. 20 points	
My essay logically orders my claims (medium, weak, strong), and develops them fairly. 20 points	
My essay has at least one counterclaim (before the strongest reason) that is developed fairly. 20 points	
My essay uses transitions to link sections of my essay together. 5 points	
My essay uses appropriate language and style. My essay is free of grammar mistakes. 5 points	
My essay has a conclusion that ties up my arguments, and restates my thesis. My conclusion also calls my readers to do something about my issue. 20 points	
My essay includes a works cited and in-text citations that are in MLA standard format. If you do not have a works cited, you will get an automatic zero overall! 10 points	
Total Score: /100	Letter Grade and Final Comments: