

ARGUMENT ESSAY RUBRIC

Essay Expectations	Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average	Poor
	Shows control and skill, focused on core areas	Strengths outweigh the weaknesses, little revision needed	Revision is needed, weakness/ strengths are equal	Several weaknesses, did not focus on core areas	Writer is not showing any control or effort
Presentation - typed, correct margins and font, meets length requirement					
Ideas and Content - clear strong stance, supported with relevant details, unique, has purpose and meaning					
Organization - reader moves easily through text, clear intro, body and conclusion, each paragraph focuses on one topic					
Voice - effective style, committed to topic, strong knowledge, leaves impression					
Word Choice - precise, powerful and engaging					
Sentence Fluency - interesting rhythm and flow, using varied sentence lengths					
Conventions - correct grammar, spelling, punctuation					
Interesting Intro - intro has a hook, transitions well, and ends with a strong, focused thesis					
Creative Title - shows original thought and applies to essay					
Analysis Elements - each body paragraph uses textual evidence and gives thorough commentary, all support applies to thesis, shows critical thinking					

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