ARGUMENTATIVE ESSAY RUBRIC GRADE 7

Criteria	Level 4: Exceeding	Level 3: Meeting	Level 2: Approaching	Level 1: Below
TE 0	Standards	Standards	Standards	Standards
Focus &	Essay maintains a clear, relevant and	Essay maintains a	Essay maintains a	Essay does not
Structure	,	clear and relevant	mostly clear and	maintain a clear and relevant organization.
	logical organization. Multiple sections	organization throughout. Each	relevant organization. Some paragraphs	The paragraphs do
	(groups of	new paragraph	relate to and build	not relate to and
	paragraphs) work	relates to and builds	upon previous	build upon previous
	together to form an	on the previous	sections logically.	sections logically.
	argument.	section logically.	sections logically.	sections logically.
Introduction	Introductory section	Introductory section	Introductory section	Introductory section
	provides a strong	provides a strong	offers context and a	contains some
	opening, context and	opening, adequate	clear thesis statement	context and an
	thesis statement. The	context and a clear		unclear thesis
	thesis statement	thesis statement.		statement
	includes details that			
	preview the rest of			
	the essay.			
Evidence	Student supports their	Student supports	Student supports their	Student supports their
	thesis statement with	their thesis statement	thesis statement with	thesis statement with
	multiple clear and	with multiple clear	some clear and	few clear and
	relevant examples	and relevant	relevant examples	relevant examples
	from credible sources	examples from	from credible sources	from credible sources
	using quotes and	credible sources	using quotes.	using quotes.
	citations. Evidence	using quotes .	Evidence attempts to	Evidence makes no
	acknowledges and	Evidence	acknowledge	attempt to
	refutes alternate or	acknowledges	alternate or opposing	acknowledge
	opposing points of view.	alternate or opposing points of view.	points of view but does so unclearly.	alternate or opposing points of view.
Conclusion	Essay provides a	Essay provides a	Essay provides a	Essay provides a
Conclusion	concluding statement	concluding	concluding statement	concluding statement
	that summarizes the	statement that	that is mostly	that is all summary
	major points, explains	summarizes the	summary and	OR essay does not
	their significance , and	major points of the	includes little	provide a concluding
	builds to new ideas	argument and	explanation	statement
	and insights.	explains their	1	
		significance fully.		
Style	Uses strong words,	Frequently uses	Sometimes uses	Rarely uses strong
(Language	transitional phrases	strong words,	strong words,	words, transitional
Choice &	and complex	transitional phrases	transitional phrases	phrases and complex
Conventions)	sentences	and complex	and complex	sentences.
	throughout.	sentences.	sentences.	Grammatical
	Grammatical	Grammatical	Grammatical	conventions are
	conventions are	conventions are	conventions are	rarely followed with
	followed successfully	usually followed with success (85%	sometimes followed	1
	(95% accuracy)	accuracy)		success (65%
		accuracy)	with success (75%	accuracy)
			accuracy)	