

# ARGUMENTATIVE ESSAY

## TOPIC OF PROMPT

What is the question about?

## CLAIM/THESIS

Write a defensible claim that responds to the prompt and establishes a line of reasoning (use a "because" statement)

## EVIDENCE 1

Use one of the docs from the list in the prompt to support your **CLAIM**

## EVIDENCE 2

Use a 2<sup>nd</sup> doc from the list or specific & relevant info from the area identified in the prompt to support your **CLAIM**

## REASONING

How or why does **EVIDENCE 1** support the **CLAIM**?

## REASONING

How or why does **EVIDENCE 2** support the **CLAIM**?

## ALT. PERSPECTIVE

1. Identify an alternative view
2. Demonstrate an understanding of that alternative view
3. Refute or rebut the perspective  
However, this perspective is incorrect BECAUSE..."

# ARGUMENTATIVE ESSAY RUBRIC

		<b>CLAIM</b>	Student articulated a defensible claim that responded to the prompt & established a line of reasoning. Must do more than restate the prompt.
0	1	<b>EVIDENCE 1</b>	Student used 1 piece of specific and relevant evidence to support their <b>CLAIM</b> .
0	1	<b>EVIDENCE 2</b>	Student used 2 pieces of specific and relevant evidence to support their <b>CLAIM</b> .
0	1	<b>TOPIC EVIDENCE</b>	Student described a piece of evidence that was linked to the <b>TOPIC OF QUESTION</b> . If no claim exists, this is the only point a student can earn.  Point earned automatically if student earns <b>either EVIDENCE 1 or EVIDENCE 2</b> .
0	1	<b>REASONING</b>	Student explained how or why at least one piece of evidence supported the <b>CLAIM</b> . Must do more than restate the prompt.
0	1	<b>ALT VIEW</b>	Student responded to a different point of view using refutation, concession, or rebuttal.