

Argumentative Essay Rubric

NAME: _____ HR _____

Logistics

- _____ Thesis is a clear, arguable, novel, sophisticated, well-developed, and definitive statement of position (this should answer the question why or how).
 - _____ Paper conforms in every way to the assignment and expectations.
 - _____ Title present, creative, and relevant (each word in your title needs to be capitalized!).
- _____ /15 pts

Craftsmanship and Rhetoric (5 points each)

- _____ Inclusion of 6 rhetorical strategies -please list them here _____
 - _____ Clarity of tone, credibility, and avoids ranting.
 - _____ Stays on topic so that the purpose clear to the reader by the end of the piece.
 - _____ Appropriate diction and syntax.
 - _____ Transitions between paragraphs fluid.
 - _____ Transitions between ideas within paragraphs fluid.
 - _____ No grammar/spelling/punctuation errors present.
 - _____ Overall, paper demonstrates a logical, mature, and thorough development of points that support the thesis. Appeals to ethos, pathos, and logos are used appropriately and add to the effectiveness of the argument. Obvious and effective use of inductive or deductive reasoning.
- _____ /40 pts

Logic and Argumentation (5 points each)

- _____ Introduction is thoroughly developed, introducing the general subject of the paper and narrowing down to a thesis statement.
- _____ Appropriate amount of narration included to give the reader enough background and context to understand the purpose and importance of the argument.
- _____ Avoids using logical fallacies to support the thesis.
- _____ All paragraphs contain one main idea with supporting sentences; all points tie back to the thesis.
- _____ 2 pieces of 'outside' evidence and support are included. Demonstrates an in depth understanding of the ideas evaluated and critically responds to those ideas in an analytical, persuasive manner.
- _____ Author makes novel connections to the material (from other parts of class, or other classes), which illuminate the thesis. This higher level thinking creates an appropriate college level, academic tone.
- _____ Author anticipates and successfully refutes the counterargument, which is logically placed within the essay.
- _____ Conclusion summarizes the main topics without repeating previous sentences; writer's opinions and/or suggestions for change are logical and well thought out.
- _____ Overall, the ideas in the paper flow logically and effectively to support the thesis.

_____/45 pts

Overall ____/100 pts