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**Sixth Grade Argumentative Writing Rubric**

**I can write argumentative pieces on topics or texts, supporting a point of view with reasons and information.**

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|  | **4** | **3** | **2** | **1** | **0** | Comments |
| Introduction  (W.6.1a) | I have clearly given sufficient background information to introduce my argument **and** my essay begins with a hook. | I have **partially** given background information to introduce my argument **and** my essay begins with a hook. | I have **partially** given background information to introduce my argument **or** my essay begins with a hook. | I have **not** given background information or included a hook in my introduction. | I have not made an attempt. |  |
| Claim  (W.6.1a)  [Introduction Paragraph] | I have clearly stated my claim with supporting three reasons. | I have **partially** stated my claim with two or three supporting reasons. | I have stated a claim **or** two-three reasons. | I have **not** stated my claim or reasons. | I have not made an attempt. |  |
| Organization  (W.6.4) | I have created an organizational structure of a 5-paragraph essay in which ideas are logically grouped in paragraphs to support my purpose in writing. | I have **partially** organized the structure of my writing in at least 4 paragraphs to support my purpose in writing. | I have **not** **clearly** organized the structure of my writing. I have 2-3 paragraphs. | I have **not** organized my writing. | I have not made an attempt. |  |
| Evidence  (W.6.1b) | In each body paragraph, I support my reasons with four pieces of evidence (quotes, statistics, anecdotes, poll, facts, research, expert opinion, etc). [12 total] | In each body paragraph, I support my reasons with three pieces of evidence. [9 total] | In each body paragraph, I support my reasons with two pieces of evidence.  [6 total] | In each body paragraph, I support my reasons with one pieces of evidence.  [3 total] | I have not made an attempt. |  |
| Analyzing Evidence in the author’s own words  (W.6.1b) | I explained how each piece of evidence supports my claim in every paragraph. | I explained how most pieces of evidence supports my claim in every paragraph. | I explained how some pieces of evidence supports my claim in every paragraph. | I explained a few most pieces of evidence supports my claim in every paragraph. | I have not made an attempt. |  |
| Linking Opinion and Reasons  (W.6.1c) | I have linked my argument and reasons using different transition words, phrases, and clauses in all of my paragraphs, both at the beginning and throughout each paragraph. | I have linked my argument and reasons using different transition words, phrases, and clauses in all of my paragraphs, both at the beginning and throughout most (4) paragraphs. | In some paragraphs(2-3) I have linked my argument and reasons using transition words and phrases. | I have **not** used transition words to link my argument and my reasons.. | I have not made an attempt. |  |
| Citing Evidence  (W.6.1b) | I have correctly cited the website, article, book, or person that I retrieved all information from. I have used a variety of phrases to cite my evidence. | I have mostly correctly cited the website, article, book, or person that I retrieved information from. I have used a variety of phrases to cite my evidence. | I have sometimes correctly cited the website, article, book, or person that I retrieved information from. I have used a variety of phrases to cite my evidence. | I have sometimes correctly cited the website, article, book, or person that I retrieved information from. | I have not made an attempt. |  |
| Conclusion  (W.6.1d) | I have provided a concluding paragraph related to my argument. I restated and summarized my argument and claim to effectively convince my reader. | I have provided a concluding paragraph related to my argument. I restated and summarized my argument and claim. | I restated my claim and reasons but did not summarize my argument. | I have **not** provided a clear conclusion. | I have not made an attempt. |  |

**Examples**

Introduction: Includes hook, background/topic, claim, and three reasons (thesis).

Hook: Interesting Question, interesting fact, exclamation, setting (real or imagined), startling exaggeration, etc.

Background/Topic:

* Many people...
* Have you heard...
* Some people...
* Did you know...
* One current issue/debate is...
* Many people argue that, but...
* Many people\_\_\_, but did you know that...
* The argument began because/when...
* (start with a generalization or a question about the topic)

Body Paragraphs:

Introduction statement, Evidence from source, Interpretation

* What does your SOURCE say?
  + This text says…
  + [source] outlines/ claims/ argues that….
  + Based on [source]...
  + [source] explains/ describes/ states...
  + According to [source]
  + The author asserts/ argues/ declares/ suggests/ claims/ writes/ reports/ states...
* Why does this matter?
  + This proves/supports…
  + This is important because…
  + This is the opposite…
  + This it the same as…
  + This confirms…
  + This information shows…
  + This matters because...

Conclusion

Most importantly,\_\_\_\_\_\_, In conclusion, \_\_\_\_. For these reasons, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Restate claim in new words, summarize argument, and include a benefit, consequence, or relation back to your hook.