

Argumentative Essay Guidelines –

ROUGH DRAFT DUE THURSDAY NOVEMBER 7TH (10 points for rough draft)

FINAL DRAFT DUE FRIDAY NOVEMBER 15TH

- Size 12 font, Times New Roman, Double Spaced, do NOT adjust the margins or page orientation (5 POINTS)
- Proper heading: name, number, date, subject (writing)
 - Left side of the paper (5 POINTS)
- Header: Last name and number (2 POINTS)
- Essay Structure
 - Title (centered at the top of the page) (2 POINTS)
 - All paragraphs must be aligned to the left with one indent (press tab) on the first line (5 POINTS)
 - Paragraph 1 introduction: state your claim (5 POINTS)
 - Paragraph 2: cite evidence (5 POINTS)
 - Paragraph 3: cite evidence (5 POINTS)
 - Paragraph 4: state counterclaim and rebuttal (5 POINTS)
 - Paragraph 5: conclusion restate your claim and reasons (5 POINTS)
- Bibliography Page: 4 sources accurately cited (4 POINTS)

TOTAL POSSIBLE POINTS (INCLUDING RUBRIC BELOW): 60 POINTS

Other Scoring Factors:

	Organization	Ideas & Support	Conventions
Score 4	My writing is skillfully organized, with a purposeful structure, around a clear central point of view.	My writing clearly supports a central point of view with strong facts, reasons, and other evidence.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • My sentence structure and word choice contribute to the clarity of my essay. • My writing includes proper use of grammar, capitalization, punctuation, and spelling.
Score 3	My writing is organized around a clear central point of view and has a structure.	My writing supports a central point of view with some facts, reasons, and other evidence.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • My sentence structure and word choice mostly contribute to the clarity of my essay. • My writing has a few errors in grammar, capitalization, punctuation, and spelling.
Score 2	My writing is organized with some structure. The central point of view may be weak or unclear.	My writing weakly supports a central point of view. Evidence may be too brief or unrelated to my point of view.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • My sentence structure and word choice may not contribute to the clarity of my essay. • My writing has errors in grammar, capitalization, punctuation, and spelling.
Score 1	My writing may not be organized. The central point of view may be missing or unclear.	My writing does not use evidence to support a central point of view.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • My sentence structure and word choice do not contribute to the clarity of my essay. • My writing has many errors in grammar, capitalization, punctuation, and spelling.