

**Argumentative Essay  
Student-Friendly Writing Rubric (Grade 6)**

Statement of Purpose/Focus and Organization	Evidence and Elaboration	Conventions/Editing
<p>The response is focused and complete.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the claim is clearly stated and focused throughout</li> <li>• the claim is communicated clearly and appropriately for the purpose, audience, and task</li> <li>• the response is written to address all parts of the prompt</li> </ul> <p>The response is clearly organized.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• uses a variety of transitional strategies to connect ideas</li> <li>• ideas are organized from beginning to end</li> <li>• includes an introduction and a conclusion</li> <li>• uses a variety of sentence structures</li> </ul>	<p>The response provides convincing support for the claim.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• uses evidence from sources</li> <li>• evidence is smoothly connected to the claim</li> <li>• uses a variety of strategies to elaborate on evidence</li> </ul> <p>The response clearly expresses ideas.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• uses formal language</li> <li>• uses academic vocabulary including meaningful words from the text</li> </ul>	<p>The response displays understanding of conventions of writing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• uses complete and correct sentences</li> <li>• uses correct punctuation, capitalization, and spelling</li> </ul>