

Persuasive Essay Scoring Rubric

Name: _____

Introduction Paragraph

- Has a lead sentence that hooks the reader. _____/1pt
- Thesis statement is written correctly and is the last sentence in the first paragraph. _____/2pts

Organization

- Has a logical order (beginning, middle, end.) _____/1pt
- Follows 5-paragraph format _____/1pt
- Indents new paragraphs. _____/1pt
- There is an appropriate amount of evidence _____/3pts

Details – Body Paragraphs

- Has 3 transition words for paragraphs 2, 3, & 4 or makes smooth transitions. _____/3pts
- Has 3 topic sentences (3 best reasons) for paragraphs 2, 3 & 4 _____/3pts
- Includes supporting details/facts in paragraph 2, 3 and 4 that are relevant to the topic _____/3pts

Details – Conclusion Paragraph

- Conclusion paragraph is powerful/convincing _____/2pts
- Thesis statement is restated in the conclusion paragraph _____/2pts

Tone and Style

- Ideas are stated clearly with mature language. _____/1pt
- Focused on the topic throughout the paper. _____/1pt
- Paper has a sense of completeness. _____/1pt
- Uses at least 2 different resources in the research for the topic _____/2pts

Grammar/Usage

- Has a variety of sentence structures/patterns (complex & compound). _____/1pt
- Consistently correct subject-verb agreement and correct noun, pronoun and verb forms. _____/1pt
- Paper has correct capitalization, punctuation, and spelling with few errors. _____/3pts

Total _____ / 32 pts