**Argument Essay Rubric**

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| **Introduction:** The paper begins with a hook that draws the reader in and presents a valid purpose for the argument. The introduction ends with (or contains) a specific, strongly worded, and defendable claim. |  |  |
| **Body Paragraphs:** Each body paragraph clearly ties to and supports the claim. They each contain clear evidence from a variety of sources that are cited correctly. All evidence is clearly explained in the author’s own words and adds to the overall argument. |  |  |
| **Conclusion:** The conclusion ties the argument together. It ends with a final piece of evidence that reminds the reader of the overall point of the paper. It doesn’t fizzle out. |  |  |
| **Format**: The paper is 2-3 pages, double spaced, in MLA format: Times New Roman, 12pt font, with a correct header. |  |  |
| **Grammar:** The student uses correct standard grammar throughout the paper. There are very few errors. |  |  |

**Final Score\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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