

# Argumentative Essay Rubric (25 marks)

Introduction		
Reader’s hook (anecdote; question; fact)	2	8
Lead-in to thesis (background information)	1	
Thesis Statement: Main idea/claim/your argument that you want to prove, counterargument/opposition, supporting evidence for your claim (counterclaim may be before or after main claim)	5	
Organization (body paragraphs)		
<u>First body paragraph</u> Has a topic sentence and presents counterargument, address the claims that oppose your audience	4	12
<u>Second body paragraph</u> Has a topic sentence and presents the strongest supporting argument/proposition, with 3 supporting evidences.	4	
<u>Third body paragraph</u> Has a topic sentence and presents the second strongest supporting argument/proposition, with 3 supporting evidences.	4	
Conclusion		
Thesis is restated- key points summarized-Includes a concluding remark/statement	1.5+1	2.5
Cohesion		
Transitional words are used to connect paragraphs & to connect ideas within paragraphs to create cohesion and logical flow of ideas.	0.5*3 = 1.5	1.5
Mechanics		
free of distracting spelling, punctuation, and grammatical errors; varied sentence structure is used throughout	1	1
Total marks		25