

Assessment Rubric

	Advanced	Proficient	Basic	Emerging
Focus or Thesis	Clearly states topic and outlines key points.	Clearly states topic.	Outlines some key points, but does not state topic.	Does not state topic and does not outline key points.
Support for Position	Offers three or more pieces of evidence to support topic. Offers counterargument to anticipate challenges.	Offers three or more pieces of evidence to support topic.	Offers two pieces of evidence to support topic.	Offers one piece of evidence or no evidence to support topic.
Conclusion	Offers a strong restatement to support topic.	Restates topic.	Repeats statement from introduction.	No conclusion is included.
Mechanics	No errors in spelling or grammar.	One or two errors in spelling or grammar.	Three or four errors in spelling or grammar.	More than four errors in spelling or grammar.