

Position Paper Rubric

Criteria	4	3	2	1	0
Essay makes an argument and supports the argument with reasons and evidence.	Argumentative text makes 3 valid and convincing claims and 1 counterclaim. Claims are supported with more than 2 pieces of valid reasoning and relevant and evidence from a variety of sources.	Argumentative text makes 2 valid claims and 1 counterclaim. Claims are supported with 2 pieces of valid reasoning and relevant textual evidence. The textual evidence from different sources.	Argumentative text makes 1 valid claim and 1 counterclaim. Claims are only minimally supported with 1 piece of reasoning and evidence.	Argumentative text provides a claim, but no counterclaim, and contains mostly summary of data with no specific evidence.	No claim made. No response. Response does not answer the prompt. Response is unintelligible or undecipherable.
Essay demonstrates organization and use of transitions to clarify relationships among ideas.	n/a	Essay begins by introducing the topic and purpose. Essay uses clear transitions 90% of the time to make clear the organization, to link major sections of the essay, and to clarify relationships among ideas.	Essay begins by introducing the topic and purpose. Essay uses transitions 80 - 89% to make clear the organization, to link major sections of the essay, and to clarify relationships among ideas.	Essay begins by introducing the topic and purpose, but they are underdeveloped and not clearly related to the ideas in the essay. Essay uses transitions less than 80% of the time and has unclear organization.	No response was given. Response does not answer the prompt. Response is unintelligible or undecipherable.
Essay demonstrates use of a formal style and standard English.	n/a	Essay consistently uses a formal style and standard English grammar and usage, including accepted use of capitalization, punctuation, and spelling. Response contains 3 or fewer errors.	Essay inconsistently uses a formal style and standard English grammar and usage, including accepted use of capitalization, punctuation, and spelling. Response contains 4-6 errors.	Essay does not use a formal style. Essay uses limited standard English grammar and usage. Response contains 7 or more errors.	No response was given. Response does not answer the prompt. Response is unintelligible or undecipherable.

Total Possible Points: 10	Points Earned: _____
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