

Persuasive Essay Rubric

Score	1	2	3	4	5	6
Content	no opening or closing minimal response, no evidence off-topic	lacks either opening or closing minimal response, weak or off-topic use of evidence mostly on topic	extremely weak opening or closing uncreative or incorrect word choice, weak use of evidence on topic but argument is weak, unclear	weak opening or closing word choice is not inventive, evidence is explained but there is little to no elaboration on topic, argument supports the thesis	strong opening and closing some unique wording, evidence is well explained and elaborated on topic, argument is believable and supports thesis	opening and closing are creative and provocative unique wording, evidence is well explained and elaborated, integration of quotes is seamless on topic, argument is not only convincing but also innovative
Organization	disorganized	attempts organization	acceptable organization	organization employs some transitions	organization flows from one paragraph to the next flawlessly	organization assists the argument, fluid
Usage	no grammar control severe mechanics errors	little grammar control many mechanical errors	little grammar control many mechanical errors	acceptable grammar, a few mistakes a few mechanical errors	one to two grammar mistakes one to two mechanical errors	a max. of one grammar mistake a max. of one mechanical error
Sentence Construction	incomplete/incorrect sentences, nearly illegible no professionalism	poor sentence structure, repetitive, barely understandable professionalism is lacking	many fragments and run-ons, may be repetitive, confusing sentence structure professionalism is lacking	some fragments and run-ons, may be repetitive and/or confusing working towards professional writing	one to two fragments or run-ons professional voice is starting to emerge	no fragments/run-ons professional and unique voice harnessed

	10th/11th grade	8th/9th grade	6th/7th grade
6	93%-100%	97%-100%	
5.5	88%-92%	93%-96%	97%-100%
5	83%-87%	88%-92%	93%-96%
4.5	78%-82%	83%-87%	88%-92%
4	73%-77%	78%-82%	83%-87%
3.5	69%-72%	73%-77%	78%-82%
3	66%-69%	68%-72%	73%-77%
2.5	62%-65%	62%-67%	68%-72%
2	51%-61%	51%-61%	62%-67%
1.5	30%-50%	30%-50%	51%-61%
1	0%-29%	0%-29%	0%-50%