

Argument Peer Review

Read the essay carefully. Then consider each criterion and its descriptors on the cart below. Place a check in the box that you feel best represents the degree to which each criterion has been addressed.

Criteria	Excellent	Satisfactory	Needs Improvement	Unacceptable
Statement of Claim	<input type="checkbox"/> A claim is clearly stated; the significance of an/d or reasons for the claim are evident.	<input type="checkbox"/> A claim is stated, but the significance of or reasons for the claim are not clear.	<input type="checkbox"/> An effort has been made to state a claim, but the claim is not clear.	<input type="checkbox"/> A claim is not made.
Evidence	<input type="checkbox"/> The claim is supported by thorough, relevant, and logical evidence. Citations are present, when necessary.	<input type="checkbox"/> The claim is supported by relevant evidence, but some evidence may be overlooked. Some citations may be missing.	<input type="checkbox"/> The claim is not fully supported; some evidence may be irrelevant or illogical, and citations are not in evidence.	<input type="checkbox"/> The claim is not supported; what evidence there is irrelevant or inaccurate.
Counterclaims Response to Counterclaims	<input type="checkbox"/> The argument thoroughly and completely acknowledges and develops counterclaims, taking into account audience needs and biases.	<input type="checkbox"/> The argument acknowledges and develops counterclaims, taking into account some audience needs and biases.	<input type="checkbox"/> The argument acknowledges counterclaims but fails to develop them.	<input type="checkbox"/> The argument does not acknowledge counterclaims.
Organization	<input type="checkbox"/> The argument is logical and focused. Transitions create coherence and move the reader from point to point smoothly and effectively.	<input type="checkbox"/> The argument is basically logical and focused, with only the occasional lapse. Transitions move the reader from point to point.	<input type="checkbox"/> The argument often lacks logic and focus. Evidence is disconnected from the claim. Transitions are lacking or are ineffective.	<input type="checkbox"/> The argument is without organization and focus.
Varied Syntax	<input type="checkbox"/> The writing is mature and engaging; varied syntax suggests careful crafting on the part of the writer.	<input type="checkbox"/> The writing is clear and easy to follow. Sentence variety is appropriate and aids in ease of reading.	<input type="checkbox"/> The writing is clear but lacks maturity and an engaging style. There is little sentence variety.	<input type="checkbox"/> The writing is unclear and confusing. Sentences are predictable and without variety.

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