

CSULB Rubric for Argumentative Writing

	Exemplary	Competent	Needs Work	Major Flaws	(Comments)
Focus	Main claim is clear, arguable & ambitious. []	Main claim is clear and arguable. []	Main claim is too general or predictable. []	Main claim is unclear or absent. []	
Purposeful Organization	Coherent throughout. Clear intro., middle, & ending sections. []	Generally coherent, but some inconsistencies. []	Some incoherence. Some ideas are not connected. []	Confusing. Little or no logic to the arrangement. Incoherent. []	
Supporting Evidence and information	Relevant, accurate, & substantial. If required, sources are integrated effectively. []	Generally relevant and accurate. If required, sources are integrated adequately. []	Inadequate and sometimes inaccurate. If required, sources are not well integrated. []	Superficial, irrelevant and/or not specific. There is little attempt to integrate sources. []	
Reasoning/ Thinking	Persuasive. Often insightful, and consistent with the evidence presented. []	Adequate and generally consistent with the evidence presented. []	Less than adequate, and inconsistent with the evidence presented. []	Inadequate, and inconsistent with the evidence. Confusing overall. []	
Response to Assignment	Thorough and goes beyond the expected. []	Adequate and does what is expected. []	Incomplete. Some parts are superficial. []	Overall incomplete and superficial. []	
Representations of other views/ Perspectives	Consistently accurate & respectful. []	Accurate & respectful most of the time. []	Accurate and respectful some of the time. []	Inaccurate or disrespectful or absent. []	
Style, tone, and Word choice	Sentence form varies with purpose. Tone & word choice are effective. []	Some variety of sentence forms. Tone and word choice are appropriate. []	Little sentence variety. Tone is inconsistent, or word choice is imprecise. []	No sentence variety. Tone is inconsistent. Word choice is inappropriate. []	
Conventions	Well edited and formatted. Very few minor errors. []	Overall well edited & formatted. Some errors. []	More editing necessary. Errors are distracting. []	Much editing needed. Major errors present. []	

Final Comments:

Overall Ranking: **Exemplary** **Competent** **Needs Work** **Major Flaws**
(circle one)