

Researched Argument Paper Assessment

Each part of your final paper is rated on a scale of 1 to 5:
1 = unacceptable 2 = needs a lot of work 3 = average 4 = good 5 = excellent

CONTENT

- _____ thesis statement sets up the writer's argument for a particular view on the topic; easy for a reader to understand the paper's direction and purpose
- _____ subtopics are clearly defined & limited by use of claims or framing statements (**C**)
- _____ clear and detailed evidence (**E**) from sufficient number of credible sources (see assignment sheet) provides plenty of support for the paper's central argument
- _____ logical reasoning is present throughout the paper
- _____ good balance between source material and writer's analysis (**A**) of that research material(may be interpretation/comments)
- _____ the paper reflects the writer's mastery of argument & persuasion
- _____ **Total**

ORGANIZATION

- _____ claims and evidence are clearly linked (**L**) to thesis that they support
- _____ transitions (**TR**) provide smooth connections between paragraphs and ideas
- _____ effective organization & planning is evident throughout the paper; a reader can easily follow the writer's ideas from point to point
- _____ no extraneous information has been included
- _____ conclusion is well-developed and interesting; does not raise new issues that aren't present in the body of the paper, but reveals a deeper understanding of the topic than that which is presented in the introduction

CONVENTIONS & STYLE

- _____ tone and degree of formality are appropriate for the assignment
- _____ proper punctuation; proper format for quotations
- _____ avoidance of grammar errors; no unintentional fragments (**FR**), run-ons (**ROS**), comma splices (**CS**)
- _____ proper MLA/APA format for internal citations (references to sources within paper)
- _____ proper Works Cited/References format
- _____ attractive presentation; careful proofreading is evident—errors are hard to find
- _____ **Total**

OVERALL IMPRESSION OF PAPER / OTHER COMMENTS:
