

	Argument	Evidence and Organization	Word Choice and Conventions
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Effectively introduces a claim ❖ Acknowledges and counters opposing claims, as appropriate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Uses logical, credible, and relevant reasoning and evidence to support claim ❖ Uses organizational strategy to present reasons and relevant evidence ❖ Provides a strong concluding statement or section that logically follows from the ideas presented 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Uses precise and purposeful word choice ❖ Uses words, phrases, and/or clauses that effectively connect and show relationships among ideas ❖ Uses and maintains an appropriate tone ❖ Has no errors in usage and conventions that interfere with meaning
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Clearly introduces a claim ❖ Attempts to acknowledge and/or counter opposing claims, as appropriate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Uses reasoning and evidence to support claim ❖ Uses an organizational structure to present reasons and relevant evidence ❖ Provides a concluding statement or section that follows from the ideas presented 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Uses clear word choice ❖ Uses words and phrases to connect ideas ❖ Uses an appropriate tone ❖ Has few, if any, errors in usage and conventions that interfere with meaning
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Attempts to establish a claim ❖ Makes little, if any, attempt to acknowledge or counter opposing claims 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Develops, sometimes unevenly, reasons and evidence to support claim ❖ Attempts to use an organizational structure ❖ Provides weak concluding statement or section 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Uses basic language, which sometimes lacks clarity ❖ May have errors in usage and conventions that interfere with meaning
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Weakly or indirectly states a claim ❖ Makes no attempt to acknowledge or counter opposing claims 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Has minimal support for claim ❖ May be too brief to demonstrate an organizational structure ❖ Provides a minimal or no concluding statement or section 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Uses words that are inappropriate, overly simple, or unclear ❖ Has errors in usage and conventions that interfere with meaning