



# Argumentative Writing Rubric

Grade 3

	1 Beginning	2 Approaching	3 Developing	4 Proficient	5 Advanced
Opinion (Claim) Weight: 3x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The piece of writing does not yet share a point of view about a topic.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The piece of writing exceeds the achievement described in level 1 but has not fully met the criteria for level 3.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The piece of writing suggests a point of view about a topic, but the statement needs some additional work to make the opinion clear and specific so the reader understands exactly what the focus of the opinion piece will be.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The piece of writing exceeds the achievement described in level 3 but has not fully met the criteria for level 5.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The piece of writing clearly states an opinion about a topic.</li> </ul>
Evidence Weight: 5x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The piece of writing does not yet include facts or details to support the writer's opinion.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The piece of writing exceeds the achievement described in level 1 but has not fully met the criteria for level 3.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The piece of writing provides some details to support the reasons for the opinion, but the details sometimes aren't related or don't fully support the writer's opinion.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The piece of writing exceeds the achievement described in level 3 but has not fully met the criteria for level 5.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The writing includes well-chosen details that fully support the reasons why the writer holds their opinion.</li> </ul>
Reasoning Weight: 5x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The piece of writing does not yet provide reasons for the opinion.</li> <li>In this draft, words and phrases linking the opinion and reasons are not yet provided.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The piece of writing exceeds the achievement described in level 1, but has not fully met the criteria for level 3.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The piece of writing provides some reasons to support the writers opinion, but reasons aren't always related to the stated point of view.</li> <li>The choice of words or phrases sometimes links the opinion and supporting reasons, but some links are still unclear.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The piece of writing exceeds the achievement described in level 3, but has not fully met the criteria for level 5</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The piece of writing provides clear, well chosen reasons that fully support the writer's opinion.</li> <li>Well-chosen words and phrases, such as "because," "therefore," "since," and "for example" link the opinion statement and the writer's reasons.</li> </ul>
Coherence Weight: 5x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The piece of writing is not yet organized in a way that lists reasons for the opinion.</li> <li>The writing does not yet provide a concluding statement or section.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The piece of writing exceeds the achievement described in level 1, but has not fully met the criteria for level 3.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The piece of writing provides a series of reasons to support the opinion, but the plan for organization is not clear.</li> <li>The writing provides a concluding statement or section, but it may not be closely related to the opinion.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The piece of writing exceeds the achievement described in level 3, but has not fully met the criteria for level 5</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The piece of writing provides an effectively organized list of the writer's reasons.</li> <li>The writing provides a well-crafted concluding statement or section related to the opinion presented.</li> </ul>
Audience Appeal Weight: 2x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The writing shows the need for additional support in developing an appropriate command of the conventions of standard English grammar, usage, capitalization, punctuation, and spelling.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The writing exceeds the achievement described in level 1 but has not fully met the criteria for level 3.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The writing is challenging to read at times, because of errors in standard English grammar, usage, capitalization, punctuation, and spelling, and can achieve more with revision.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The writing exceeds the achievement described in level 3, perhaps containing only minor but consistent errors, but has not fully met the criteria for level 5.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The writing shows a skillful command of the conventions of standard English grammar, usage, capitalization, punctuation, and spelling and has very few errors.</li> </ul>