

## **ARGUMENTATIVE WRITING RUBRIC**California Common Core Standards Based - **SEVENTH GRADE**



Level	ARGUMENT WRITING/PROCESS	LANGUAGE CONVENTIONS	WITH GUIDANCE and SUPPORT FROM ADULTS
4 Exceeds	<ul> <li>□ Meets all expectations in level 3</li> <li>□ Acknowledges and distinguishes claims from alternate/opposing claims</li> <li>□ Maintains a formal style and objective tone in argument</li> <li>□ Document is very well presented and documented with excellent organization</li> </ul>	Mostly correct use of language conventions, and some above grade level skills used, for example:  ☐ Meets all expectations in level 3 ☐ Uses verbs in indicative, imperative, interrogative, conditional, and subjunctive mood ☐ Uses verbs in active/passive voice and in conditional/subjunctive mood to achieve particular effects	Guidance & Support  Level of guidance and support from adults
3 Meets	ARGUMENTATIVE WRITING (W1)  □ Introduces claim(s) and acknowledges/addresses alternate or opposing claims (W1a)  □ Organizes reasons and evidence logically (W1a)  □ Supports claims/counterarguments with logical reasoning and relevant evidence demonstrating understanding of topic/text (W1b)  □ Uses words, phrases, and clauses to create cohesion and clarify relationships among claims, reasons and evidence (W1c)  □ Establishes and maintains a formal style (W1d)  □ Provides a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the argument presented (W1e)	Adequate use of correct sentence formation, punctuation, capitalization, grammar usage and spelling for grade level, for example:  □ Chooses among simple, compound, complex, and compound-complex sentences to signal differing relationships between ideas (L3b)  □ Places phrases and clauses within a sentence, recognizing and correcting misplaced or dangling modifiers (L1b)  □ Uses a comma to separate coordinate adjectives (L2a)  □ Spells correctly (L2b)  □ Chooses language that expresses ideas precisely and concisely (L3a)  □ Eliminates wordiness and redundancy (L3a)	before writing:  Check off what was done before the student wrote the piece being scored.  Discussion Read aloud or shared reading  Drawing
	WRITING PROCESS (W4-W8)  □ Writes clearly and coherently and organization and style are appropriate to task, purpose and audience (W4)  □ WGASFA* Develops and strengthens writing as needed, by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed (W5)  □ Uses technology to produce writing and link to and cite sources (W6)  □ Assesses credibility of each source and quotes/paraphrases the data/conclusions of each source (W8)  □ Avoids plagiarism and follows a standard format for citation (W8)		□ Vocabulary word bank □ Shared or interactive writing □ Graphic organizer □ Language frames
2 Almost Meets	<ul> <li>□ Claim is well stated but does not address opposing/alternate claims</li> <li>□ Has some reasons and evidence but may not be logical or relevant</li> <li>□ Does not establish or maintain a formal style</li> <li>□ Concluding statement may be unclear or not well supported</li> <li>□ Writing may not fully address audience, task, or purpose</li> </ul>	Limited use of correct sentence formation, punctuation, capitalization, grammar usage and spelling for grade level, for example:  Contains some run-on sentences Uses mostly simple or compound sentences Language may not always be precise or appropriate Contains some punctuation errors Contains some capitalization errors Contains some spelling errors	
1 Does Not Meet	□ Limited information on topic □ Does not state an argument or claim □ Includes little to no facts or focus □ Information is disorganized or missing	Infrequent use of correct sentence formation, punctuation, capitalization, grammar usage and spelling for grade level, for example:  □ Contains many run-on sentences □ Contains many punctuation errors □ Contains many capitalization errors □ Contains many spelling errors	

WGASFA: "with guidance and support from adults"

This rubric was adapted from rubrics at sbusd.org and information from Smarter Balanced Assessments (www.smarterbalanced.org) using the California Common Core Standards at www.cde.ca.gov.

