

English 1143
Researched Academic Argument Evaluation

Name: _____ Grade: _____

CRITERION*	EXCELLENT	GOOD	SATISFACTORY	PASSING	FAILING
Context of and Purpose for Writing (Communication Skills) Does the essay present an argument regarding a specific issue? Does the essay use at least 4 sources, 3 from peer-reviewed journals?					
Content Development (Critical Thinking Skills) Does the essay present a clear position? Does the essay provide a thorough analysis of the issue/problem? Does the essay fairly acknowledge other views?					
Genre and Disciplinary Conventions (Communication Skills) Does the essay assert a position with a thesis statement placed at the end of the introduction? Does the essay provide body paragraphs each of which focuses on one idea and supports it with several examples and details? Does the essay present an organized discussion? <i>(Personal Responsibility Skills)</i> Does the essay follow MLA for in-text citations and the Works Cited page? Does the essay use sources in ethical and contextually appropriate ways?					
Sources and Evidence (Communication Skills) Does the essay provide specific examples and/or explanation? Does the essay use signal phrases to introduce source information?					
Control of Syntax and Mechanics (Communication Skills) Is it stylistically appropriate for an academic reader? Does the essay demonstrate proficiency in standard written English?					
Comments:					

* Adapted from the *Value Rubrics* published by Association of American Colleges and Universities (AACU).