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**Rubric for assessing Student Writing: Persuasive Argument essay & speech**

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| **Focus/Organization**   * The piece fulfills its purpose by describing a topic in a manner appropriate to the spoken word * The piece fulfills its purpose by presenting a convincing argument. * The piece is clearly aimed at its intended audience. * The writer’s position is clearly stated. * There is a clear beginning, middle, and end. * The argument and writing are arranged in an effective order. | **Comments:**    Score\_\_\_\_\_\_/70 |
| **Elaboration/Support/Style**   * The opening sentences grab the audience’s attention. * The presentation of the topic is easy to follow and includes interesting descriptions. * Sound reasons for the position and sufficient supporting evidence are included. * The evidence is appropriate and clearly supports the writer’s position. * The conclusion retells the main idea of the speech and brings it to a natural and powerful close. | **Comments**    Score\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_/70 |
| **Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics**   * The writing is free of misspellings, and words are capitalized correctly. * Sentences are punctuated correctly, and the piece is free of fragments and run-ons. * Standard English usage is employed. * The paper is neat, legible, and presented in an appropriate format. | **Comments**    Score\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_/60 |

**Engagement in the Writing Process Comments**

The Student:

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ made an organizer depicting topic/theme, and reasons

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ discussed the draft with a partner or small group

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ contributed questions and suggestions to other writers beyond simplistic responses

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ revised draft

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Proofread the final draft

Overall Score\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_/200

**Speaking Checklist**

**Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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| **Voice**:  The Student   * Waited until everyone in the audience was focused on him/her * Spoke loudly enough to be heard in the back of the room * Spoke clearly so that each word was distinct * Kept a steady tempo—did not speak to slow or too fast. * Matched the tone of voice to tone of passage * Was relaxed and conversational | **Comments:** |
| **Face:**  The Student   * Kept head up * Looked at audience, moving eyes from person to person * Used facial expressions to express emotions conveyed in the speech | **Comments:** |
| **Body:**  The student   * Made sure all audience members could see him/her * Stood up straight and tall (does not lean on lectern) * Made gestures with hands and arms to help describe speech. * Kept audience’s attention by acting out parts of speech where appropriate | **Comments**: |
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**Student Self Check Assessment for paragraph writing and peer editing.**

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| **Category** | **4** | **3** | **2** | **1** |
| **Theme** | Thesis clearly states theme and position of the speaker | Thesis statement is clear but the position of the speaker is unclear | Theses statement is not clearly stated and position of the speaker is unclear | No thesis statement or and position is unclear |
| **Support** | Topic is supported by many specific factual details. Demonstrates credibility | Topic is supported by a few factual specific details. Credibility is limited | Topic is supported by general statements. Credibility and sources are questionable | Topic is not supported by factual details. There are no credible sources for support |
| **Language** | Uses vocabulary that is precise for the topic | Uses vocabulary that is appropriate for the topic | Uses basic vocabulary for the topic | Uses vocabulary that is unsuited for the topic |
| **Word Choice** | Uses grade appropriate language throughout Us | Some use of grade level language throughout | Consistently uses language that is at grade one level lower | Consistently uses language that is at a grade two level lower |
| **Conventions** | Writing evidences understanding of proper grammar and use of punctuation throughout | Writing contains one or two consistent grammatical errors or incorrect use of punctuation | Many sentences are characterized by grammatical errors or incorrect uses of punctuation | Writing does not use proper grammar or punctuation and contains numerous errors |
| **Spelling** | All words are spelled correctly | Most words are spelled correctly | There are numerous spelling errors | The number of spelling errors significantly detracts from the readability of the piece |

Comments/Suggestions:

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