**Assessment Rubric**: Argument Writing

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Rate your argument writing from 1 (incomplete) to 6 (amazing) for each trait below. Add the scores together and divide by the number of traits (6) to find your overall score.

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| 3 | **STIMULATING IDEAS** |
|  | ***The argument . . .***   * states a clear position on a debatable issue. * supports the position statement with strong reasons, logical arguments, and effective details. |
| 3 | **LOGICAL ORGANIZATION** |
|  | ***The argument . . .***   * catches the reader’s attention at the beginning, gives background, and leads to the position statement. * uses well-developed middle paragraphs to argue for the position with supporting reasons and details. * ends by revisiting the position and the arguments. |
| 3 | **ENGAGING VOICE** |
|  | ***The argument . . .***   * sounds knowledgeable, convincing, and logical. * shows concern without being inflammatory. |
| 2 | **ORIGINAL WORD CHOICE** |
|  | ***The argument . . .***   * uses action verbs and precise nouns. |
| 2 | **EFFECTIVE SENTENCE STYLE** |
|  | ***The argument . . .***   * varies sentence types, lengths, and beginnings. * reads smoothly from sentence to sentence. |
| 4 | **CORRECT, ACCURATE COPY** |
|  | ***The argument . . .***   * has correct punctuation, capitalization, grammar, usage, and spelling. |

You have good ideas but need more supporting details with specific source citations. Many sentences begin with the same word—“We” in the first paragraph, “Ethanol” in the second, and so on. The voice at times becomes a bit too casual for a serious essay.