**Assessment Rubric**: Argument Writing

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| Name: | What I Will Do for This Country | Date: |  |

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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| 2 | **STIMULATING IDEAS** |
|  | ***The argument . . .**** states a clear position on a debatable issue.
* supports the position statement with strong reasons, logical arguments, and effective details.
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| 2 | **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.
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| 2 | **ENGAGING VOICE** |
|  | ***The argument . . .**** sounds knowledgeable, convincing, and logical.
* shows concern without being inflammatory.
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| 2 | **ORIGINAL WORD CHOICE** |
|  | ***The argument . . .**** uses action verbs and precise nouns.
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| 2 | **EFFECTIVE SENTENCE STYLE** |
|  | ***The argument . . .**** varies sentence types, lengths, and beginnings.
* reads smoothly from sentence to sentence.
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| 2 | **CORRECT, ACCURATE COPY** |
|  | ***The argument . . .**** has correct punctuation, capitalization, grammar, usage, and spelling.
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You offer some original solutions to real problems in our country, but each solution needs more development. Where will the cameras be? Who will watch them? How will health information be handled online? Also, the voice needs to be more formal, with more careful word choice and developed sentences. Ask for a peer editor’s help, as well.