Argument Rubric

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Use the following checklist to evaluate your work or that of a classmate for the traits of effective writing.

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|  | **Stimulating IDEAS** |
|  | ***The writing . . .**** states an opinion about an important topic.
* contains convincing reasons to support the opinion.
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|  | **Logical ORGANIZATION** |
|  | ***The writing . . .**** includes a clear beginning, middle, and ending.
* arranges ideas in an effective manner (perhaps offering the strongest point first or last).
* presents a clear, logical argument.
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|  | **Engaging VOICE** |
|  | ***The writing . . .**** speaks in a convincing, positive tone.
* shows that the writer feels strongly about his or her opinion.
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|  | **Original WORD CHOICE** |
|  | ***The writing . . .**** explains all important terms.
* uses language that shows an understanding of the topic and a respect for the audience.
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|  | **Effective SENTENCE STYLE** |
|  | ***The writing . . .**** flows smoothly from sentence to sentence.
* displays varied sentence beginnings and lengths.
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|  | **Correct, Accurate COPY** |
|  | ***The writing . . .**** observes the basic rules of writing.
* follows the form suggested by the teacher.
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