

Argumentative Essay Peer Review

Author's Name: _____

Reviewed By: _____

Please make any corrections, recommendations, notes, etc. directly on the essay itself.

MLA Formatting

The essay has the proper heading.	Yes	No
The essay is properly double spaced.	Yes	No
The essay has a header with student's last name and page number .5" from the top.	Yes	No
The essay has 1" margins	Yes	No
The essay is all Times New Roman, 12 pt. font	Yes	No
The essay is at least 3 full pages in length	Yes	No

Title

What is the title? _____

The title is centered.	Yes	No
The title has proper capitalization.	Yes	No
The title is Times New Roman 12pt font. (Not bold, underlined, another font, another size, etc.)	Yes	No
The title is interesting (Not generic or simply the topic)	Yes	No

Introduction

The introduction is properly indented.	Yes	No	
The introduction/essay has an interesting hook.	Yes	No	
The hook connects/transitions to the rest of the introduction.	Yes	Somewhat	No
There is relevant background information on the topic.	Yes	Somewhat	No
It is clear what side of the argument the author is on.	Yes	Somewhat	No
What is the topic? What side is the author on?			

The essay has a clear and strong thesis.	Yes	Somewhat	No
What are the three main points of the essay/thesis?			
1.			
2.			
3.			
The three main points are strong and relevant.	Yes	Somewhat	No
The three main points are concise.	Yes	Somewhat	No
There is a clear and relevant counter argument.	Yes	Somewhat	No
What is the counter argument? _____			
The introduction clearly sets up an argumentative essay.	Yes		No

First Body Paragraph / Argument

What is the first argument? _____

Paragraph(s) are properly indented	Yes	No	
Paragraph(s) start(s) a new idea.	Yes	No	
Idea directly connects back to thesis.	Yes	Somewhat	No
There is strong support/evidence for the argument.	Yes	Somewhat	No
The author avoids using only personal experiences as evidence.	Yes	Somewhat	No
The argument is concise. Author doesn't go off on a tangent.	Yes	Somewhat	No
The argument/paragraph is a reasonable length.	Yes	Somewhat	No

Second Body Paragraph / Argument

What is the second argument? _____

Paragraph(s) are properly indented	Yes		No
Paragraph(s) start(s) a new idea.	Yes		No
Idea directly connects back to thesis.	Yes	Somewhat	No
There is strong support/evidence for the argument.	Yes	Somewhat	No
The author avoids using only personal experiences as evidence.	Yes	Somewhat	No
The argument is concise. Author doesn't go off on a tangent.	Yes	Somewhat	No
The argument/paragraph is a reasonable length.	Yes	Somewhat	No

Third Body Paragraph / Argument

What is the third argument? _____

Paragraph(s) are properly indented	Yes		No
Paragraph(s) start(s) a new idea.	Yes		No
Idea directly connects back to thesis.	Yes	Somewhat	No
There is strong support/evidence for the argument.	Yes	Somewhat	No
The author avoids using only personal experiences as evidence.	Yes	Somewhat	No
The argument is concise. Author doesn't go off on a tangent.	Yes	Somewhat	No
The argument/paragraph is a reasonable length.	Yes	Somewhat	No

Counter Argument

A counter argument is clearly presented in the body of the essay.	Yes	Somewhat	No
The counter argument is relevant and makes the essay stronger.	Yes	Somewhat	No

Conclusion

The conclusion clearly restates the thesis.	Yes	Somewhat	No
The conclusion does not introduce any new ideas.	Yes	Somewhat	No
The conclusion wraps up the essay neatly.	Yes	Somewhat	No
The conclusion ends the essay strongly and on a high note.	Yes	Somewhat	No

Overall/Throughout

The author writes with confidence.	Yes	Somewhat	No
The essay does not use I, You, We, Me, etc.	Yes	Somewhat	No
The essay does not unnecessarily switch tenses.	Yes	Somewhat	No
The essay does not have abbreviations and contractions.	Yes	Somewhat	No
The titles of works/texts are properly italicized or in quotes.	Yes	Somewhat	No
Author avoids setup phrases such as "This essay will be about..."	Yes	Somewhat	No
The essay has proper punctuation.	Yes	Somewhat	No
The essay has no spelling mistakes.	Yes	Somewhat	No

Citations

MLA citation format is followed for in text citations.	Yes		No
Citations/quotes are relevant and make the argument stronger.	Yes		No
The transitions to quotes are smooth and do not interrupt essay flow.	Yes		No
At least two credible sources are used.	Yes		No
Works Cited page is properly titled and title is centered.	Yes		No
Works Cited page follows MLA format (Proper spacing, alphabetized)	Yes		No
Individual citations on Works Cited page are correct.	Yes		No

Two clear and specific recommendations to improve the essay:

1. _____
2. _____

What is the overall letter grade you would give this essay? _____

Why? _____