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ENG 100 Argumentative Essay			Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average	Weak
	<b>IDEAS &amp; CONTENT</b>	The opening sentence attracts the reader's attention. Ideas are original. Background information related to opening sentence and thesis is supplied. The thesis is clearly stated, is specific, indicates pattern of organization, and supplies number of aspects/categories. The essay contains an insightful and/or sophisticated thesis that fully addresses the persuasion prompt. Ideas are fully supported by relevant, accurate, and specific evidence. Paraphrasing of any quotations is correct, informative, and cited.	25	20	15	10	5
	<b>STRUCTURE &amp; ORGANIZATION</b>	The introduction opens with a sentence introducing the general topic. Background information is provided. Why the topic is important and controversial is established. The thesis sentence is the last sentence in the introductory paragraph. The essay follows a clear and logical train of thought set by thesis, with three arguments. The conclusion paraphrases thesis sentence, summarizes major arguments, and ends with a concluding sentence that does not introduce a new topic. Unity/coherence is achieved throughout.	20	16	12	8	4
	<b>ELEMENTS OF ARGUMENTATIVE WRITING</b>	Overall purpose is clear. Arguments are logical. Language of argumentation transition words/phrases/sentences are used effectively.	15	12	9	6	3
	<b>WORD CHOICE</b>	Word choice is precise, powerful, and appropriate.	5	4	3	2	1
	<b>SENTENCE FLUENCY</b>	Sentences vary in length and structure.	5	4	3	2	1
	<b>GRAMMAR, SPELLING, AND PUNCTUATION</b>	Correct grammar, spelling, and punctuation are used.	30	24	18	12	6

**TOTAL** 0