**Argumentative Writing Rubric:**

**Essential Question:** “**Is it necessary to struggle in order to succeed?”**

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| **Rubric**

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| Introduce precise claim(s), distinguish the claim(s) from alternate or opposing claims, and create an organization that establishes clear relationships among the claim(s), counterclaims, reasons, and evidence. Claim/ thesis is clear and supported thoroughly. Counterclaim is provided with a strong rebuttal. Essay is written in five paragraph form.  |
|  Develop claim(s) and counterclaims fairly, supplying data and evidence for each form and in a manner, that anticipates the audience’s knowledge level and concerns. Each piece of evidence is derived from a distinct source in relation to the essential question and texts provided. Evidence is elaborated upon with clear and efficient reasoning in relation to claim.  Claim is clearly linked to essential question.  |
| Grammar and writing conventions are errorless. Sentences are complete using advanced language and transition words for sentence flow and enhancement. Choice of diction is advanced and appropriate to content. Sentence structure is strong in syntax and diction. Conclusion is clear and supports/ summarizes the argument presented. |
| Sources are cited and paper is written in MLA format typed  |

 | **Circle Points earned:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_/20\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**5 / 4 / 3 / 2 / 1****5 / 4 / 3 / 2 / 1****5 / 4 / 3 / 2 / 1****5/ 4 / 3 / 2 / 1** | **Points Possible:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_20\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | **Comments:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |