

Research/Argument Essay Directions and Rubric
This essay is due by 8:00 am, Tuesday, January 16th

Using the introduction you created earlier and the individual worksheets for the paragraphs, write one BRIEF five paragraph essay. Your paragraphs should be roughly 5-7 sentences each.

Your essay will be graded using the following rubric:

Introduction and Conclusion _____/5

(includes claim, basic info and a clear thesis)

Body Paragraph 1 _____/5

(includes topic sentence with a clear reason and fact based support)

Body Paragraph 2 _____/5

(includes topic sentence with a clear reason and fact based support)

Body Paragraph 3 _____/5

(includes a counterclaim and a rebuttal)

Grammar (spelling, word choice, etc.....) _____/5

Total _____ 25 Summative Points

Up to 5 extra points will be given to students who had a low score on the original introduction and made an obvious improvement. These points will not be awarded to anyone who lost points for being late, incomplete and/or unsubmitted.