

Argumentation Essay (6 points)				
Rubric Row	Scoring Criteria			Scoring Notes
Claim/Thesis (0–1 pt)	1 pt Articulates a defensible claim or thesis that responds to the question and establishes a line of reasoning			The response cannot earn this point for simply restating the prompt.
Evidence (0–3 pts)	1 pt Provides one piece of evidence that is accurately linked to the topic of the question	Or 2 pts Uses one piece of specific and relevant evidence to support the argument	Or 3 pts Uses two pieces of specific and relevant evidence to support the argument	To earn more than one evidence point, the response must establish an argument, and have earned the point for claim/thesis (Row A).
Reasoning (0–1 pt)	1 pt Explain how or why the evidence supports the claim or thesis			The response must have a claim/thesis to earn a point. The response cannot simply restate the prompt to explain why the evidence supports the claim/thesis. The response cannot earn a point without previously supporting the claim/thesis in B. To earn the point the response must address at least one piece of evidence.
Responds to alternative perspectives (0–1 pt)	1 pt Responds to an opposing or alternate perspective using refutation, concession, or rebuttal			The response must have a claim or thesis to earn a point. The response must identify an alternative perspective; demonstrate a correct understanding of the perspective; and refute, concede, or rebut the perspective.