

Score	Claim	Support	Organization	Counter Claim	Word Choice	Usage	Conclusion
0	<p>The response does not state a claim</p> <p>OR</p> <p>The response does not meet the necessary rubric scoring criteria needed for a score of 4, 3, 2, or 1</p>						
1	Weakly states or alludes to a claim	Has minimal support for claim	May be too brief to demonstrate an organizational structure	Makes no attempt to acknowledge or counter opposing claims	Uses words that are inappropriate, overly simple, or unclear	Has errors in usage and conventions that interfere with meaning	Provides a minimal or no concluding statement or section
2	Attempts to establish a claim	Develops, sometimes unevenly, reasons and/or evidence to support claim	Attempts to use an organizational structure	Makes little, if any, attempt to acknowledge or counter opposing claims	Uses simple language, which sometimes lacks clarity	May have errors in usage and conventions that interfere with meaning	Provides a weak concluding statement or section
3	Clearly introduces a claim	Uses reasoning and evidence to support claim	Uses an organizational structure to present reasons and relevant evidence	Attempts to acknowledge and/or counter opposing claims, as appropriate	Uses clear word choice	Has few, if any, errors in usage and conventions that interfere with meaning	Provides a concluding statement or section that follows from the ideas presented
4	Effectively introduces a claim	Uses logical, credible, and relevant reasoning and evidence to support claim	Uses a clear organizational strategy to present reasons and relevant evidence	Acknowledges and counters opposing claims, as appropriate	Uses precise and purposeful word choice; vocabulary used effectively connects and shows relationships	Has no errors in usage and conventions that interfere with meaning	Provides a strong concluding statement or section that logically follows from the ideas presented