Possible Points  Criteria

20  Thesis Statement / Answers the Question
15  Factual Content to support Arguments
10  Rhitorical support for Arguments
10  Structure/Flow

  Example of 0/10: Writing is disorganized and underveloped with no transitions or closure
  Example 10/10: Writing includes a strong beginning, middle, and end, with clear transitions and a focused closer

10  Relevance to Reader: voice and vocab appropriate, is interesting

  Example 0/10: Writer's voice shows no sense of audience, careless or inaccurate word choice which obscures meaning, reader struggles to stay focused on paper
  Example 10/10: Writer has a distinct voice adapted to the audience, effective and eggaging use of word choice, reader is kept engaged and entertained

5  Discusses multiple viewpoints / support for both sides of an argument

5  Good sources

  Example 0/5: Fewer than three primary references.
  Example 5/5: Good use of references to support arguments.

5  Grammer/Spelling

  Example 0/5: Grammer gets in the way of understand the paper's content.
  Example 5/5: No errors in English mechanics.