

Persuasive Paragraph Rubric

CATEGORY	Above Standards 4	Meets Standards 3	Approaching Standards 2	Below Standards 1
Use of New Vocabulary	Author used at least 3 of the vocabulary words correctly	Author used at least 3 of the vocabulary words, 2 of which were used correctly	Author used at least 1 of the vocabulary words correctly	Author did not attempt to use any of the vocabulary words
Thesis Sentence	Author's thesis sentence clearly states their position	Author's thesis sentence attempts to state their position	Author has a thesis, but it does not state their position	Author's thesis sentence cannot be found
Body Paragraph	Body paragraph includes at least 3 arguments to support author's position	Body paragraph includes at least 2 arguments to support author's position	Body paragraph includes at least 1 arguments to support author's position	Body paragraph does not include arguments to support author's position
Conclusion Sentence	Conclusion sentence restates author's thesis	Author included a conclusion sentence that partially refers to thesis	Author has included a conclusion sentence but it does not refer to thesis	Author does not have a conclusion sentence
Conventions of writing (spelling, capitalization, punctuation, indented paragraphs, etc.)	There are no mistakes in regard to spelling, capitalization, punctuation	There are fewer than 3 mistakes in regard to spelling, capitalization, punctuation	There are 3-4 mistakes in regard to spelling, capitalization, punctuation	There are more than 5 mistakes in regard to spelling, capitalization, punctuation