



Writer's Toolbox – Claim Evidence Reasoning Rubric

Exceeds Expectations (1)	Meets Expectations (.5)	Not Proficient / No Attempt (0)
Claim		
• Clear explanation or definition of the problem/issue • Clear, precise, compelling, and nuanced claim with strong argumentation potential • Claim is unique or a synthesis of positions articulated in class or research sources	• Claim is arguable • Takes a position on the issue • Claim based on a position articulated in class or the resources provided	• Unclear or unidentifiable claim or • Takes a vague position
Evidence		
• 3-4 forms of evidence • Accurate, trustworthy & convincing • Links to claim • Includes most significant/ relevant evidence • Complete/thorough & not redundant • Provides outliers or contrary evidence • Synthesizes variety of sources	• 2-3 forms of evidence • Accurate, trustworthy • Links to claim • Includes relevant evidence • Sufficient to back up claim • Limited, but quality sources	• Contains insufficient, irrelevant, or no evidence to back claim • Lacks relevant outliers or contrary evidence if necessary
Reasoning		
• Provides sound and thorough reasoning (inferences, warrants, arguments, logic, etc.) • Effectively & comprehensively addresses counterclaims, counterexamples or contrary evidence	• Provides reasoning/arguments/logic • Addresses most relevant counterclaim(s), counterexamples, or contrary evidence	• Little or no reasoning/ arguments/logic OR is illogical • Does not address counterclaims, counterexamples, or contrary evidence
Conclusion		
• Unique, clever or creative • Strengthens the claim • Provides insight to the implications or significance of the topic - a So What conclusion	• Conclusion ties to and adds to the claim	• Underdeveloped or • Ineffective or • Does not offer a conclusion
Vocabulary		
• Includes and properly uses key vocabulary terms relevant to the topic	• Includes and properly uses some key vocabulary terms relevant to the topic	• Does not use vocabulary terms relevant to the topic

Organization		
Organization has a logical flow with clear transitions; claim, evidence, and reasoning are seamlessly integrated	Organization has a logical flow	Organization does not flow logically
Logical Fallacies		
Avoids logical fallacies (ad hominem, false equivalence, etc.)		Uses logical fallacies (ad hominem, false equivalence, etc.)