

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Argumentative Writing Checklist

### OPENING PARAGRAPH

- Is there a broad opening sentence that introduces the subject about which you're arguing? ☐
- Is there a succinct, relevant thesis? ☐
- Is there a roadmap? ☐
- Is your opening paragraph at least 4 sentences long? ☐

### BODY PARAGRAPH ONE

- Is there a smooth transition from the opening paragraph to your first reason? ☐
- Does your reason support your overall argument? ☐
- Did you properly use a *quote sandwich* to support your reason?
  - ❖ Did you lead into the quote by giving the speaker and/or source? ☐
  - ❖ Does the quote have that "BAM!" factor? Is it directly related to your reason? ☐
  - ❖ Did you elaborate on the quote? (You should be answering the question, "So what?") ☐
- Did you relate the final sentence of the paragraph back to your main thesis? ☐

### BODY PARAGRAPH TWO

- Is there a smooth transition from your first reason to your second reason? ☐
- Does your reason support your overall argument? ☐
- Did you properly use a quote sandwich to support your reason?
  - ❖ Do you lead into the quote by giving the speaker and/or source? ☐
  - ❖ Does the quote have that "BAM!" factor? Is it directly related to your reason? ☐
  - ❖ Did you elaborate on why the quote is there? (answering the question, "So what?") ☐
- Did you relate the final sentence of the paragraph back to your main thesis? ☐

### BODY PARAGRAPH THREE

- Is there a smooth transition from your second reason to your third reason? ☐
- Does your reason support your overall argument? ☐
- Did you properly use a quote sandwich to support your reason?
  - ❖ Do you lead into the quote by giving the speaker and/or source? ☐
  - ❖ Does the quote have that "BAM!" factor? Is it directly related to your reason? ☐
  - ❖ Did you elaborate on why the quote is there? (answering the question, "So what?") ☐
- Did you relate the final sentence of the paragraph back to your main thesis? ☐

## CONCLUSION

Did you restate your argument in a new way?

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Did you call your reader to action of some kind?

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Is your conclusion at least 4 sentences?

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## MUG

Are words spelled correctly?

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Are quotes punctuated correctly?

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Did you use commas the right way?

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Is there a works cited page that follows all of the formatting and MLA requirements?

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