Argumentative Essay Rubric

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.8.1	Exceeds	Meets	Approaching	Standard Not
Write arguments to support	Standard	Standard	Standard	Met
claims with clear reasons and				
relevant evidence				
CCSS.ELA-				
LITERACY.W.8.1.A				
Introduce claim(s), acknowledge				
and distinguish the claim(s) from				
alternate or opposing claims, and				
organize the reasons and evidence				
logically.				
Introduction contains:				
 Hook/Background 				
• Text/Author(s)				
Clear Thesis				
CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.8.1.B				
Support claim(s) with logical				
reasoning and relevant evidence,				
using accurate, credible sources				
and demonstrating an				
understanding of the topic or text.				
Each Body Paragraph contains:				
Topic Sentence/				
Claim				
• 3 Quotes/				
Evidence - cited from				
throughout the text				
Counter-argument				
CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.8.1.E				
Provide a concluding statement or				
section that follows from and				
supports the argument presented.				
Conclusion wraps up essay				
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LITERACY.W.8.1.D				
Establish and maintain a formal				
style.				
CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.8.2				
Demonstrate command of the				
conventions of standard English				
capitalization, punctuation, and				
spelling when writing				