

Persuasive Essay Rubric

	4	3	2	1	Points
Format	The essay was five paragraphs in length. Each paragraph had at least 5 sentences. Included thesis statement.	The essay was five paragraphs in length. Not all paragraphs had at least five sentences or there was no thesis statement.	The essay was five paragraphs in length. Not all paragraphs had at least five sentences and there was no thesis statement.	The essay was less than five paragraphs.	
Body	The body of the paper clearly proved the thesis and included the three pieces of evidence in order.	The body of the paper proved the thesis and included the three pieces of evidence in order.	The body of the paper did not entirely prove the thesis and included the three pieces of evidence out of order.	The body of the paper did not prove the thesis and rambled or got off track. The three pieces of evidence were out of order or left out.	
Conclusion	The conclusion clearly restated the thesis and three pieces of evidence and wrapped up or closed the argument.	The conclusion restated the thesis and three pieces of evidence and wrapped up or closed the argument.	The conclusion did not clearly restate the thesis and three pieces of evidence. It did not wrap up or close the argument.	The conclusion did not restate the thesis or three pieces of evidence. It did not wrap up or close the argument.	
Grammar	Correct use of grammar, punctuation, and capitalization. Fewer than three spelling errors.	1-3 examples of incorrect grammar, capitalization, and punctuation. Fewer than 5 spelling errors.	4-6 examples of incorrect grammar, capitalization, and punctuation. Fewer than 8 spelling errors.	Some examples of capitalization and punctuation. 14 or more spelling errors. 10-12 grammatical errors.	
Persuasion	Position was clearly stated with four or more supporting points. Style was persuasive.	Position was clearly stated with three supporting points. Style was somewhat persuasive.	Position was unclear with less than three supporting points. Style was not persuasive.	Position was not clear. Points did not support position. Style was not persuasive.	

Total Points
 ____/20
 Average
