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Argumentative Writing Self-Assessment Checklist

Grade 8				
I write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.		3 Meets	2 Approaching	1 Not Yet
Introduction (W.8.1a)	I clearly introduced my claim(s) and acknowledged and distinguished my claim(s) from alternate or opposing claims.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Organization (W.8.1a)	I arranged reasons and evidence logically, leading readers from one reason to another.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Elaboration (W.8.1b)	I supported my claim(s) with logical reasoning and relevant evidence.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	I used accurate, credible sources to develop and demonstrate my understanding of the topic.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Transitions (W.8.1c)	I chose words, phrases, and clauses deliberately to have an effect on my readers and to help with making clear connections among my claim(s), counterclaims, reasons, and evidence.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Conclusion (W.8.1e)	I wrote an ending for my piece in which I restated and reflected on my claim. My ending added to and strengthened the overall argument.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Task Focus (W.8.1d)	My whole piece stays focused on my task or prompt and I maintained a formal style throughout.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Grammar Usage (L.8.1)	I used strong words and phrases correctly to bring my writing to life.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	I used complete sentences. I varied my sentences to make my writing interesting.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Punctuation (L.8.2)	Before I wrote my final draft I checked to make sure I used punctuation correctly (capitalization, commas, quotations, parentheses, ellipsis, dashes, etc.).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Spelling (L.8.2)	Before I wrote my final draft I checked to make sure all my words were spelled correctly or I consulted references to help me spell words I wasn't sure about.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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