

# Argument Essay Targets

Approach	Writing Group	Elizabeth
<b>400-500 word count</b>		
MLA style used in essay		
Argument is properly supported by <b>credible sources as needed   sources are attributed (mentioned)</b>		
Rhetorical <b>devices and strategies highlighted and explained</b> in notes on GoogleDoc		
<b>Style and Rhetoric</b>		
Use a wide range vocabulary appropriately and effectively		
Use a variety of sentence structures		
Use a logical organization enhanced by specific techniques to increase coherence such as judicious repetition, strong transitions, and appropriate emphasis		
Use a balance of generalization and specific illustrative detail		
Use an effective rhetoric, controlling tone—establishing and maintaining a voice, and achieving appropriate emphasis through diction and sentence structure.		
Employs appropriate rhetorical devices to entertain the reader and lift the essay from a novice attempt to an expert product		
Uses sources as springboards or buttresses for argument		
Does not let the sources drive essay		
Uses the sources, observations, readings, and experiences to <b>support claim</b>		
Claim is especially sophisticated in argument, thorough in development. The prose demonstrates a consistent ability to control a wide range of the elements of effective writing.		
<b>Structure</b>		
Somewhere in the <b>opening paragraphs</b> , the writer specifically addresses a claim and clearly states position. Employs rhetorical modes learned in class. Use anecdotes, personal experiences, observations, startling facts/statistics, and other rhetorical strategies to create the context for your topic and position. Addresses the complexity in your topic so a counterclaim and rebuttal position can be examined later in the essay. Paragraph structure moves beyond the 5-paragraph form.		
<b>Effectively</b> develops a position on the topic of argumentation and the evidence and explanations used are appropriate and convincing. Every statement has undergone a logic test.		
Varies use of <b>transition types</b> . If you have done a good job of arranging paragraphs so that the content of one leads logically to the next, the transition will highlight a relationship that already exists by summarizing the previous paragraph and suggesting something of the content of the paragraph that follows. Transitions can be <i>at the end of the first paragraph, at the beginning of the second paragraph, or in both places</i> .		
Essay reflects an ability to critically, understand texts, analyze texts, develop a position on a given topic, support a position on a given topic, support a position with appropriate evidence from outside sources, incorporate outside sources into the texts of the essay, cite sources used in the essay		

**Highlight and label rhetorical modes and strategies.**

**Sketch out and label a rhetorical triangle for the piece here:**

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