

Argument Conventions Checklist

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Argument Convention	Check Yes/No	Comments	
Formal Style/Objective Tone: Even while making argument claims, is the style formal and objective (e.g., no “I,” “you,” or contractions)?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Strong Academic Language: In presenting facts and making claims, does the paper use strong academic language (e.g., “furthermore” and “therefore”)? Does it avoid weak verbs (e.g., “I think”)?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Addressing Other Sides: Does the paper effectively address all major sides of an issue? Is the counterclaim presented with valid reasoning and sufficient and relevant evidence?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	
No Emotion: Does the paper avoid using emotional language to make a point (e.g., “Come on! Isn’t it obvious yet?!”)? Is the reasoning logical and sound? Are the facts presented in such a way that no appeal to emotions needs to be made in order to advance the argument?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	

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