

## Evidence-Based Arguments Checklist

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**Text:**

Argument Sections	Section Components	<input type="checkbox"/>	Comments
<b>Content and Analysis</b>	<b>Clarity and Relevance:</b> Purposefully states a central claim that is linked to a clearly identified context (topic, problem, issue) that establishes its relevance.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	<b>Conformity to Sources:</b> Presents a perspective that arises from ideas and evidence found in a range of diverse, credible, and significant sources.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	<b>Understanding of the Issue:</b> Presents a perspective based on a comprehensive understanding of the issue, and establishes a series of valid claims that emerge from reasoned analysis.	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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	<b>Acknowledgement of Other Perspectives:</b> Recognizes opposing or alternate claims and distinguishes these claims from the stated perspective.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Command of Evidence</b>	<b>Reasoning:</b> Links evidence and claims together logically in ways that lead to the conclusions expressed in the central claim.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	<b>Use of Evidence:</b> Supports the central claim and each supporting claim with valid inferences based on credible evidence.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	<b>Thoroughness and Objectivity:</b> Represents a comprehensive understanding of the issue where the argument's claims and supporting evidence fairly addresses relevant counterclaims and discusses conflicting evidence.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Coherence and Organization</b>	<b>Relationship Among Parts:</b> Establishes clear and logical relationships between supporting claims and a central claim.	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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	<b>Effectiveness of Structure:</b> Adopts an organizational strategy, including an introduction and conclusion, which clearly and compellingly communicates the argument.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Control of Language and Conventions</b>	<b>Clarity of Communication:</b> Is communicated clearly and coherently. The writer's opinions are clearly distinguished from objective summaries and statements.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	<b>Word Choice/Vocabulary:</b> Uses topic-specific terminology appropriately and precisely.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	<b>Style/Voice:</b> Maintains a formal and objective tone appropriate to the intended audience. The use of words, phrases, clauses, and varied syntax draws attention to key ideas and reinforces relationships among ideas.	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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	<b>Responsible Use of Evidence:</b> Cites evidence in a responsible manner that anticipates the audience's knowledge level, concerns, values, and possible biases. Quotes sufficient evidence exactly, or paraphrases accurately, referencing precisely where the evidence can be found.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	<b>Conventions of Writing:</b> Illustrates consistent command of standard, grade-level-appropriate writing conventions.	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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