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CRITERIA	MEASURES	READER COMMENTS
Argument	The point of paper is clearly defined and its importance is established; writing is persuasive; author's point of view is clear; arguments are good and made clearly and simply; alternative points of view are considered and evaluated; conclusions are the author's own synthesis and not just a summarizing or paraphrasing of other people's arguments.	
Evidence	Research has been done and evidence (data, citations to credible authorities, quotes, examples) is provided for assertions. Citations and/or bibliography are in appropriate format.	
Organization	Each paragraph makes just one point or a few closely related points; purpose of each paragraph in overall structure of argument is clear; good transitions between paragraphs.	
Style	Writing strives to be concrete (via use of examples, stories, evidence, images, and metaphors). Good choice of words, images and metaphors; colloquialisms, clichés, and stale phrases avoided	
Mechanics	It is evident that care and effort has gone into preparing the paper. (i.e., no grammar or typographical errors; correct use of citations, direct quotations, and paraphrases.)	