

**Editing your Argument
Paragraph & Understanding
how you will be graded**

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1: Turning it in

Make sure your argument paragraph is finalized by midnight on Wednesday, November 25.

I will be asking you before you leave on the 24th if you are done. If you tell me you are done I will be grading them on that Wednesday (we do not have school that day).

Make sure you follow the directions for turning in & highlighting.

2: Your topic sentence

Does your topic sentence have a debatable claim?

-Remember, the debatable claim is where you take your stand. Do not use a question, or just say something is “good.”

Does it state a summary of the evidence you will use?

-Remember, you just need to briefly state what evidence will come later.

3: The Evidence

Do you have 2 or 3 pieces of evidence?

Do you have factual evidence?

Does your factual evidence have a citation in the text? (author's name or title)

Did you use transition words, like “One reason...”?

Does your evidence relate to your debatable claim?

4: The Commentary

Do you have commentary for every piece of evidence?

Does it clearly state how the evidence shows proves your claim?

Did you use transition words, like “This proves...by..”?

5: Work Cited

Do you have a work cited section at the end of your paragraph?

Is it properly formatted?

Is it indented properly?

For every in-text citation, you should have a full citation in the work cited section.

6: Following Directions / CUPS

Capitalizing (names, first words of sentences, etc.)

Using proper grammar (complete sentences)

Punctuation (Periods, commas, quotation marks done appropriately)

Spelling (duh)

Following directions for highlighting, underlining, and turning in.