

Mode

Paper is focused, unified, and logical throughout	/4
Body Paragraphs are each well-developed, detailed and specific	/4
Thesis supported throughout with logical appeals (facts, details, evidence)	/4
Persuasive tone aided by emotional appeals (diction, anecdotes, shared values)	/4
Acknowledges and refutes opposition in one paragraph – explains validity of thesis in light of dissent	/6
Confirmation paragraphs utilize clear and accurate reasons in support of claim	/12
Employs at least 3 credible sources to support thesis	/6
Maintains appropriate balance between research info and original thought	/4
Integrates quotations and citations into text, maintaining a flow of ideas	/4
Paper is free of illogical arguments (logical fallacies)	/4
Paper convincingly proves thesis	/4

Organization

The introduction establishes a clear thesis with a specific argumentative claim	/4
The introduction provides context for the issue and builds interest toward intended audience	/4
Paragraphs occur in logical sequence; argument builds	/4
Paragraphs all clearly develop writer's thesis	/4
Topic sentences relate to thesis and state paragraph's focus in writer's own words	/4
Conclusion is satisfying and shows reflection on process as well as issue at hand	/4
Conclusion summarizes how support leads to thesis	/4

