

## Student Scoring Guide

<b>Content</b>	<b>Value</b>
_____ Does my introduction present the topic or issue in an interesting way?	___ / 35
_____ Are my arguments clearly stated?	
_____ Do my supporting examples and evidence support my argument?	
_____ Have I used appropriate vocabulary from social studies content?	
_____ Is my conclusion clear?	
_____ Have I clearly restated my position in the conclusion?	
<b>Organization</b>	
_____ Is the issue clearly stated in the introduction?	___ / 10
_____ Is my position clearly stated in the introduction?	
_____ Do I provide strong supporting information and examples?	
_____ Does my conclusion include my position on the issue?	
<b>Mechanics of Writing</b>	
_____ Have I used persuasive language, such as adjectives and verbs?	___ / 5
_____ Have I used a variety of sentences?	
_____ Have I used correct grammar, capitalization, and punctuation?	
_____ Are my words spelled correctly?	
	Total: ___ / 50

## Argumentative Essay Checklist

- 1. I have clearly explained the background to the issue.
- 2. My argument is clearly stated.
- 3. I use appropriate evidence and reasons to support my argument.
- 4. I recognize and refute the key counter arguments.
- 5. My paper has a logical flow to it.
- 6. I use at least one quote in my paper.
- 7. I have used effective language and expressions.
- 8. I have concluded with a strong statement.
- 9. I have checked for spelling and grammar.
- 10. I have cited all sources used in the paper.