

# ARGUMENTATIVE ESSAY

**TOPIC OF PROMPT**  
what is the question about?

**CLAIM/THESIS**  
write a defensible claim that responds to the prompt and establishes a line of reasoning (use a "because" statement)

**EVIDENCE 1**  
use one of the docs from the list in the prompt to support your **CLAIM**

**EVIDENCE 2**  
use a 2nd doc from the list or specific & relevant info from the area identified in the prompt to support your **CLAIM**

**REASONING**  
how or why does **EVIDENCE 1** support the **CLAIM**

**REASONING**  
how or why does **EVIDENCE 2** support the **CLAIM**

# ARGUMENTATIVE ESSAY RUBRIC

0 1	<b>CLAIM/THESIS</b>	responds to the prompt with a defensible claim or thesis that establishes a line of reasoning
0 1 2 3 4	<b>EVIDENCE</b>	must provide two pieces of specific & relevant evidence that support the claim or thesis. one of these pieces must come from a foundational doc listed in the prompt. the other piece of evidence can come from a different foundational doc or from knowledge of course concepts
<p>1 point or 2 points: provides 1 piece of evidence (1pt) or 2 pieces of evidence (2pts) that are relevant to the topic of the prompt.</p> <p>3 points: provides two pieces of specific &amp; relevant evidence, and use one piece to support the claim</p>		
0 1 2	<b>REASONING</b>	must explain the relationship between the evidence provided and the claim or thesis for at least one piece of evidence for 1 point or at least two pieces of evidence for 2 points.