

Argumentation	no	somewhat	yes
Is the thesis clearly written?	0	1	2
Is the thesis complex and illuminating?	0	1	2
Does the essay contain strong evidence?	0	1	2
If you take the argument at face value, is it coherent?	0	1	2
Is the conclusion justified by the evidence and argumentation that preceded it?	0	1	2
Structure	no	somewhat	yes
Are the paragraphs effectively built, with a logical flow of sentences within each?	0	1	2
Are there effective transitions between paragraphs?	0	1	2
Do the paragraphs build in both logic and momentum, so that the argument is convincing and compelling?	0	1	2
Style	no	somewhat	yes
Is the language precise?	0	1	2
Has the writer avoided unnecessary repetition?	0	1	2
Has the writer successfully deployed language without the obvious use of a thesaurus or the abundant misuse of words?	0	1	2
Mechanics	no	somewhat	yes
Is the essay largely clean of errors in mechanics (spelling, grammar, punctuation)?	0	1	2