Editing Checklist: Argument Essay

Position:

Look at the first item on the check list. Check the essay for that. Then check it off so you know you looked for that idea. Continue with the other items on the check list.

ORGANIZATION:

\_\_\_\_\_ 1. Introduction:

\_\_\_\_ A hook (question, quote, statistic, scenario)

\_\_\_\_ Explain both sides of the issue

\_\_\_\_ Writer’s opinion.

\_\_\_\_\_ 2. Body paragraph 1 has:

\_\_\_\_ topic sentence stating one support reason.

\_\_\_\_ details/evidence supporting the reason

\_\_\_\_\_ 3. Body paragraph 2 has:

\_\_\_\_ topic sentence stating one support reason.

\_\_\_\_ details/evidence supporting the reason

\_\_\_\_\_ 4. OPTIONAL Body paragraph 3 has:

\_\_\_\_ topic sentence stating one support reason.

\_\_\_\_ details about the reason

\_\_\_\_\_ 5. Conclusion:

\_\_\_\_\_Restates the reasons and your opinion

\_\_\_\_\_Leaves audience with an idea to think about (question, scenario)

LANGUAGE/VOCABULARY

\_\_\_\_\_ 6. Linking words and phrases were used to connect ideas and make text flow smoothly.

\_\_\_\_\_7. Used domain-specific vocabulary (words/phrases the belong to the subject of the essay)

\_\_\_\_\_8. Dull and/or unclear words are replaced with vivid or specific words (no: *thing, good, bad,* etc.)

CONVENTIONS (GRAMMAR)

\_\_\_\_\_ 9. There are no run-on sentences (ideas running into each other without periods.)

\_\_\_\_\_ 10. Correct capitalization and punctuation is used.

\_\_\_\_\_ 11. Words are correctly spelled.

\_\_\_\_\_ 12. Correct verb forms are used.