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|  | **Excellent**  **Exceeds the standard**  **25 pts** | **Good**  **Meets**  **the standard**  **20 pts** | **Adequate**  **Approaches the standard**  **15 pts** | **Falls Below the standard**  **10 pts** | **Fails to Meet the standard**  **5 pts** |
| **Organization** | •Organization is clear and logical •Paragraph structure format is followed •Ratios and Chunks are cohesive and well crafted | •Organization is clear but not as skillfully done •Follows format •Ratios and Chunks are accurately attempted | •Organization is present but less skillfully done than the " B " papers •Follows format •Ratios and Chunks are inconsistent | •Does not follow the format (ratio; word counts; sentence layout, if required) •Organization is unclear or not logical | Did not meet the minimum requirements |
| **Supporting Evidence and Commentary** | •Includes excellent concrete details •Argument is clearly stated with two reasons. •Includes insightful commentary. •Commentary #1 expands and Commentary #2 provides a connection to the topic sentence and thesis statement | •Includes good concrete details •Argument is not clearly stated •Includes insightful commentary | •Acceptable concrete details •Argument is not clearly stated •Weak commentary Commentary #1 Commentary #2 | •Concrete details do not support the claim Weak commentary •Argument is not clearly stated •Obvious, superficial, simplistic, generic, or irrelevant commentary | Did not meet the minimum requirements |
| **Writing Style** | •Excellent sentence variety •Correct and skillful use of transitions •Powerful vocabulary | •Above-average sentence variety •Correct use of transitions •Good vocabulary | •Limited sentence variety •Limited use of transitions •Average, simple vocabulary | •Little or no sentence variety •No transitions •Simple vocabulary or inappropriate word choice •Uses you, your, yours, would, should, could, may, might •Uses I, me, my in argumentative essay Uses contractions | Did not meet the minimum requirements |
| **Mechanics** | Very few, if any mechanical errors | Some mechanical errors may be present | Some mechanical errors may be present that are noticeable and distracting | Too many mechanical errors | Did not meet the minimum requirements |