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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 commentaryCommentary #1Commentary #2 | •Concrete details do not support the claimWeak 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 essayUses 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 |