

Use this rubric to evaluate your work. Scores range from 4 to 1, with 4 being the best. When you are finished, submit your work.

Scoring Criteria	Excellent	Acceptable	Minimal	Unacceptable
Points Earned	4	3	2	1
Purpose	Clearly states the persuasive focus	States the persuasive focus	The persuasive focus is unclear	The persuasive focus is not applicable to the assigned topic
Organization	Uses a clear, consistent organizational strategy	Uses a clear organizational strategy with occasional inconsistencies	Uses inconsistent organizational strategy; presentation is frequently not logical	Does not use an organizational strategy
Elaboration	Presents convincing, well-elaborated reasons to support the position	Presents some moderately elaborated reasons to support the position	Presents reasons, but only a few are elaborated upon	Presents no specific reasons or does not elaborate
Sources	Includes a “Works Cited” page; lists all sources; uses the correct MLA formatting	Includes a “Works Cited” page; lists most sources; uses MLA formatting but the page contains a few minor errors	Includes a “Works Cited” page; lists a few of the sources; contains many formatting and mechanical errors	Does not include a “Works Cited” page
Use of Language	Excellent sentence fluency and vocabulary variety with very few grammatical, punctuation, usage, or spelling errors	Demonstrates adequate sentence fluency and vocabulary variety with few grammatical, punctuation, usage, or spelling errors	Demonstrates repetitive or awkward sentence structure and vocabulary with many grammatical, punctuation, usage, or spelling errors	Demonstrates poor use of language with many grammatical, punctuation, usage, or spelling errors