

Rubric:
Five-Paragraph Persuasive Essay

Criteria	Check	Points Received
Organization and Content		
<i>Overall</i>		
Does the essay have 5 paragraphs?	15	
Does each paragraph stick to the main idea of the 5 paragraph essay?	15	
Does the essay have a title?	1	
<i>Introductory Paragraph</i>		
Does the introductory paragraph include a thesis statement that clearly states the writer's position?	5	
Does the introductory paragraph capture the reader's attention (does it <i>hook</i> the reader)?	1	
Does the introductory paragraph state the three main reasons the writer will argue to defend his/her position?	15	
<i>The Three Reason Paragraphs (paragraphs 2, 3, & 4)</i>		
Does each <i>reason paragraph</i> have a topic sentence based on one of the three main reasons stated in the introductory paragraph?	15	
Does each <i>reason paragraph</i> have <i>at least</i> three supporting sentences that relate to the topic sentence of each paragraph?	15	
Does each reason paragraph include appropriate examples, details, and other evidence to support the writer's argument?	15	
Does each paragraph have a concluding sentence ?	5	
<i>The Concluding Paragraph (paragraph 5)</i>		
Does the paragraph have a topic sentence?	5	

Does the content of the paragraph persuasively close or wrap up your argument?	5	
Does the paragraph have a concluding sentence that does not repeat what you have already written?	5	
Mechanics		
Is each paragraph indented?	5	
Are all words spelled correctly?	5	
Are all sentences complete?	5	
Are all sentences punctuated and capitalized correctly?	5	
Is the grammar correct (including subject-verb agreement)	5	
Have you done your best work? 😊	5	
Score		