

Criteria	Ratings					Pts
Thesis Sentence Do you clearly present a thesis statement that indicates what your answer to the main question on the topic will be as well as a short preview of the way in which you are going to argue for your thesis?	10.0 pts Full Marks I get a clear sense of your stand on the question and how you are going to argue for it	7.0 pts Mostly good A get a mostly clear idea of what you are going to argue and the reasons for it	5.0 pts Some problems You express some sort of these but it is unclear what the reasons for it are	1.0 pts Little credit It's not clear to me what your thesis is		10.0 pts
Sub-questions Do you attempt to answer all the sub-questions of the topic?	10.0 pts Full Marks You clearly answer all the sub-questions	7.0 pts mostly good You do address all the questions though your answers might not be explicit	5.0 pts Some problems You answer most but not all of the questions	1.0 pts Little credit You wrote a paper on the right topic but did not address the specific prompts		10.0 pts
Author's point of view Do you clearly address the author's point of view	20.0 pts Full Marks You clearly summarize the evidence and reasons in support of the author	17.0 pts mostly good You provide a mostly accurate summary of the author's reasons and evidence	15.0 pts Some problems Your account of the author's point of view gets the gist right but misses some important ideas or evidence	1.0 pts little credit You do not discuss the relevant author	0.0 pts No Marks	20.0 pts

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Objection to the Author Do you provide reasons and evidence that criticize the author's point of view?	20.0 pts Full Marks You provide a clear and convincing criticism of the author's argument	17.0 pts Mostly good You provide a reasonable criticism of the author's point of view	15.0 pts Some problems You provide a criticism of the author's view but it is either a strawman or an argument that is not well developed	0.0 pts Little credit I don't see a criticism of the author's point of view		20.0 pts
Resolution of the objection Do you clearly argue for whether the author or the objection is correct with reasons and evidence?	20.0 pts Full Marks You give clear and convincing reasons why you choose either the author's view or the objection or perhaps some intermediate position	17.0 pts Mostly Good You provide good reasons for choosing the view you do	15.0 pts Some problems You tell me which side you favor but I do not see your choice as based on well developed reasons	1.0 pts Little credit I'm not sure why you chose the side you did	0.0 pts No Marks	20.0 pts
Quality of the writing Is your paper well-written? Does it use good grammar, punctuation, and spelling? Does your use of outside sources add to the understanding of the issue?	20.0 pts Full Marks Well-written with helpful resources and engaging examples.	17.0 pts Mostly good Well written with just a few typos, punctuation issues, or grammar issues. The paper gets the job done if not necessarily engaging.	15.0 pts Some problems Your paper has some issues that could be improved by a trip to to writing center.	1.0 pts Little credit i had a very hard time making sense of this paper.		20.0 pts
Total Points: 100.0						