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| Argument Rubric | | | | | |
| **Argument Component** | 1  Does not meet expectations | 2  Needs improvement | 3  Approaching expectations | 4  Meets expectations | 5  Exceeds expectations |
| Claim (x2) | I did not state a claim or take a stance, nor did I imply agreement or disagreement. | I implied agreement or disagreement but I didn't clearly state a claim. | I stated a claim but did not clearly agree or disagree. | I stated a claim and took a stance in agreement or disagreement. | I stated a claim and took a stance that agrees with my argument. |
| Basis of Argument (x4) | Does not state a principle or definition. | Implies a principle or definition. | States a principle or definition. | Clearly states a principle or definition that is widely regarded as valid. | Clearly states a principle or definition and cites the source. |
| Evidence (Grounds) (x5) | I did not use any evidence to support my claim. | I used limited evidence and it does not clearly or fully support my claim. | I used some evidence but it is not detailed enough to fully support my claim. | I used appropriate and detailed evidence to fully support my claim.   * Expressions * Equations * Pictures * Graphs | I used appropriate and detailed evidence to fully support my claim. Verified solution with 2nd strategy from previous column. |
| Reasoning (x5) | I did not include statements in order to describe my evidence. | I included statements which do not fully describe evidence. | I included a series of statements which describe and explain evidence. | I clearly justified my stance by including clear statements to lead the reader from the claim through the evidence. | I clearly justified my stance by including clear, logical and organized statements to lead the reader from the claim through the evidence to a conclusion. |
| Accuracy (x3) | I did not include any evidence to support my claim. | I made some mathematical and/or representational errors that make my argument hard to follow. | I made some mathematical and/or representational errors but my argument is sound. | My evidence is sound and correct. | N/A |
| Writing Mechanics (x2) | I did not include a written explanation. | My written explanation contains spelling and grammar mistakes that impact the understanding of my argument. | My written explanation contained few spelling and/or grammar mistakes. | My written explanation is complete and uses grade appropriate spelling and grammar. | N/A |