**Brief Argument Rubric**

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| BRIEF WRITE RUBRIC –  *Argument* | *Exceeds Standards*  Score 4 | *Meets Standards*  Score 3 | *Approaching Standards*  Score 2 | *Does Not Meet Standard*  Score 1 |
| Organization  (x 2) | Response is on topic and clearly answers the given question  Contains a claim or introduction that includes a point of view/claim  Contains a strong conclusion that restates point of view/claim | Response is on assigned topic/answers the question given  Contains a clear topic sentence that states point of view/claim  Contains a conclusion | Response is on topic, but does not clearly answer question given  May contain topic sentence, but does not restate clear point of view/claim  Some attempt at closure or conclusion | Response is not on topic, does not answer question given  No clear topic sentence or point of view/claim  No conclusion, ends abruptly or suddenly |
| Warrant/  Elaboration  (x 2) | Gives several specific reasons, examples, or evidence that supports the claim  Includes a variety of relevant and accurate information that is well organized and explained | Gives specific reasons, examples, or evidence that support the claim  Includes relevant or accurate information that is explained | Gives some examples are evidence, but does not fully explain or elaborate the claim  Contains some examples or evidence, but is not clearly explained | Does not give adequate examples or evidence  Evidence or examples are minimal or inaccurate |
| Conventions | Uses sentences of varying length and structure at that follow all grade appropriate conventions  Uses strong word choice/vocabulary to effect tone and audience | Uses complete sentences that are properly capitalized and punctuated  Language and tone appropriate to audience | Makes some errors with capitalization and punctuation, meaning is still clear  Language or tone may not be appropriate to audience | Makes many errors in capitalization and punctuation, may effect understanding  Language or tone is inappropriate to audience |

**\* total number of points = 20**