Brief Argument Rubric

BRIEF WRITE RUBRIC – <i>Argument</i> Organization (x 2)	Exceeds Standards Score 4 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	Meets Standards Score 3 Response is on assigned topic/answers the question given Contains a clear topic sentence that states point of view/claim Contains a conclusion	Approaching Standards Score 2 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	Does Not Meet Standard Score 1 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