

STATE ASSESSMENT RUBRICS

B.E.S.T. Writing Rubric — Argumentation, Grades 7-10

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12 points total

3 criteria

FL

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The FL B.E.S.T. Writing Rubric — Argumentation, Grades 7-10 scored out of 12 points across 3 criteria, for argumentative writing at grades 7-10.

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How it is scored

CRITERION	POINTS	LEVELS
Purpose/Structure	4	4
Development	4	4
Language	4	4
Total	12	

The full rubric

Purpose/Structure · 4 points

SCORE	WHAT EARNS IT
4 pts	Position is focused and consistently maintained, with effective organizational structure, purposeful transitional strategies, and effective introduction and conclusion.
3 pts	Position is focused and generally maintained, using logical organizational structure with purposeful transitional strategies and sufficient introduction and conclusion.
2 pts	Position may be unclear or loosely related, with inconsistent organizational structure, limited transitions, and weak introduction and conclusion.
1 pt	Position may be absent or confusing, with little to no organizational structure, absent or confusing transitions, and ineffective introduction and conclusion.

Development · 4 points

SCORE	WHAT EARNS IT
4 pts	Thorough understanding of topic, with effective elaboration, smoothly integrated evidence, fully addressed counterclaims, and appropriate citations.
3 pts	Logical development demonstrates understanding, with adequate elaboration, relevant, integrated evidence, sufficiently addressed counterclaims, and appropriate citations.
2 pts	Partial understanding of topic, with ineffective elaboration, partially integrated evidence, insufficiently addressed counterclaims, and lacking appropriate citations.
1 pt	Lack of topic understanding, with confusing or absent elaboration, vague or confusing evidence, absent or confusing counterclaims, and lacking appropriate citations.

Language · 4 points

SCORE	WHAT EARNS IT
4 pts	Strong academic vocabulary, varied sentence structure, consistent command of conventions, and strengthening tone/voice.
3 pts	Clear academic vocabulary, varied sentence structure, grade-appropriate conventions, and appropriate tone/voice.
2 pts	Basic vocabulary, simple sentence structure, inconsistent use of conventions, and inconsistent tone/voice.
1 pt	Vague or confusing vocabulary, simplistic or confusing sentences, severe errors in conventions, and inappropriate tone/voice.

Scoring record

Student	Assignment	Date
CRITERION	SCORE	COMMENTS
Purpose/Structure	/ 4	
Development	/ 4	
Language	/ 4	
Total	/ 12	

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