

Rubric for Organization

SCORE	ORGANIZATION	IDEAS AND CONTENT	USE OF EVIDENCE	STYLE, VOICE, AND CLARITY	CONVENTIONS AND MECHANICS
5 Outstanding	Clear and consistent organization with well-executed transitions excellently supports the argument, including an excellent introduction and conclusion and appropriate organizational strategy	Focus is evident; topic is exceptionally well developed and suited to the audience and purpose	Ample and appropriately selected details effectively support the argument throughout the response	The response is clear and original and employs appropriate stylistic elements for effect in an exceptional manner	Syntax, grammar, and conventions are correct and add to the effectiveness of the response
4 Exceeds Expectations	The organization is clear and supports the argument; the introduction and conclusion are well executed, and the organizational strategy is appropriate	Focus is evident; topic is well developed and suited to the audience and purpose	Appropriately selected details support the argument throughout the response	The response is clear and employs appropriate stylistic elements for effect	Few or no errors are present in usage or syntax
3 Meets Expectations	The organization, including introduction and conclusion, is adequate to support the argument	Focus is evident but possibly inconsistent; topic is somewhat developed and suited to the audience and purpose	Details adequately support the argument but may demonstrate some inconsistencies in execution or application	The response is mostly clear and adequately employs stylistic elements	Minor errors in usage or syntax may be present, but without repetition or undermining overall effectiveness
2 Approaching Expectations	Some flaws in organization or lack of clarity and transitions make the argument hard to follow	Focus is inconsistent or the topic is underdeveloped or not suited to the audience and purpose	There is insufficient evidence to support the argument, or details are not always adequate to support points	The response may be unclear or misuses stylistic elements in ways that interfere with voice and meaning	Patterns of errors in usage or syntax undermine the effectiveness of the response
1 Well Below Expectations	The organization lacks focus and clarity; transitions may be unclear	Response lacks focus and the topic is underdeveloped or unsuited to the task	Evidence and details are missing or insufficient to support the argument	The response is vague or lacks clarity; stylistic choices may confuse rather than enhance meaning	Significant errors in usage or syntax obscure the meaning and effectiveness of the response