Rubric for a Persuasive Essay

Score each of the following aspects of the essay from 1 to 5 with 5 very strong and 1 very weak.

____ Introduction is intriguing and relevant to the reader.
____ The appropriate audience and purpose is addressed.
____ Provides a clearly identifiable thesis statement.
____ Thesis demonstrates writer’s attitude and commitment to the subject.
____ Details are specific and develop the main points.
____ Information is accurate and easily understood.
____ Very well organized and focused writing with effective leads and conclusions.
____ A variety of sentence structures is used.
____ The spelling, punctuation, and grammar are accurate.
____ Each middle paragraph addresses a separate point clearly and convincingly.
____ Essay provides closure and ends with a call to action.

The most important thing to work on to improve this essay would be...

Name                                                                                       Date
Self-Evaluation for a Persuasive Essay

1. Copy your topic sentence (main idea or thesis statement) in the space below.

2. What is the best part of your paper? Be specific!

3. What part are you not quite satisfied with? Be specific!


5. How did you begin your paper? (Quote, Anecdote, Presenting the problem, etc.)

6. How did you end your paper?

7. What do you want to remember about writing persuasive essays?

8. Did you include complex sentences? Write 2 here.

9. What type of supportive and relevant information did you include? (Examples, opinions of others, statistics, etc.)

10. Does each body paragraph begin address a single point?

11. Should this paper be part of your portfolio? Convince me!

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Peer Edit Sheet for a Persuasive Essay

1. What did you like about the paper?

2. What questions did you have about the paper?

3. Circle all spelling errors, run-on sentences, fragments, and any other grammar errors.

4. What are the main reasons the writer has used to support his/her position?

5. Which reason(s), if any, do not offer good support?

6. Suggestions

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