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## Argumentative Paragraph Structure Rubric

**K**ristine Nugent-Ohls uses the rubric on the next page with students to self-assess their writing skills. During the year, she uses an assortment of rubrics for students to self-assess their understanding of the objective being taught.

## Example of Argumentative Paragraph Structure

Topic sentence/hook. Background information. Your words to introduce the quote “quote text” (author OR article title/cite your source). Explain your quote. Your words to introduce the quote “quote text” (cite your source). Explain your quote. Your words to introduce the quote “quote text” (cite your source). Explain your quote. Tie your ideas together. Conclusion.

### Modified

Topic sentence/hook. Background information. In Document \_\_\_ it says “quote text”. Explain your quote. In Document \_\_\_ it says “quote text”. Explain your quote. In Document \_\_\_ it says “quote text”. Explain your quote. Conclusion.

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Standards	Color Coding	I have mastered this.	I think I understand.	I'm still working on this.
I have introduced my source in my own words.	purple			
I have used a high-quality source.	green			
I have cited my source.	blue			
I have explained why my source mattered and how it connects to my overall argument.	red			