

Argumentative Essay Checklist for the *HiSET*® Writing Test

Topic of Essay: _____

Student Name: _____



First Paragraph:

	Question:	A question was asked to introduce the topic and get the reader's attention. <u>NOTE:</u> This is a general question that does not reveal the actual debate. A question mark was used at the end.
	Does	The debate was identified. There is debate over whether or not _____
	Sam	One side was clearly chosen. I believe _____.



Second Paragraph:

	Remember	A reason was given to tell why you chose this side. This included your own reason and a supporting quote from the stimulus essay. Since " _____," _____ . OR _____ because " _____." quote your reason your reason quote Direct quotes from the stimulus essay are inside quotation marks . The comma or period is also inside the quotation marks.
	the Essay	A personal experience was given to support the choice. In my own life, _____.



Third Paragraph:

	Organization	An argument against the other side was given. Some people say that " _____;" however, I argue that _____. quote your own words Direct quotes from the stimulus essay and the semi-colon are inside quotation marks .
	Code?	A conclusion that restates the choice was given. In conclusion, _____.



More Writing Rules:

	All sentences were complete with a subject and verb. There were no sentence fragments.
	The first word in each sentence was capitalized .
	Sentences had periods or question marks at the end.

Good job!

Not there yet

Comments: _____
