

Scoring Guide: Justification Paper (Making & Supporting a Point)

No
Not Evident 0 1 2 3 4 Yes
Very Evident

Revise!

Content & Organization

- 0 1 2 3 4 1. Does the title prepare the reader for the specific topic and content of the paragraph?
- 0 1 2 3 4 x2 2. Does the first sentence clearly state the specific topic and controlling idea (main idea/position) about that topic?
- 0 1 2 3 4 3. Do the following sentences provide specific points/reasons to support the writer's opinion/position on this topic?
- 0 1 2 3 4 x2 4. Is enough commentary (details, examples, explanation) provided to help you understand each of the writer's reasons?
- 0 1 2 3 4 x2 5. Are transition words (e.g., in addition, however, in conclusion) used to introduce and connect ideas?
- 0 1 2 3 4 6. Are the ideas presented in a logical, easy-to-follow manner?
- 0 1 2 3 4 7. Does the paragraph end in an appropriate concluding statement?
- 0 1 2 3 4 x3 8. Does the paragraph include new vocabulary from the unit?

Grammar & Mechanics

- 0 1 2 3 4 1. Are the words spelled correctly?
- 0 1 2 3 4 x2 2. Are the verbs written in the correct tense?
- 0 1 2 3 4 3. Do the sentence subjects and verbs agree?
- 0 1 2 3 4 4. Is the paragraph free of sentence fragments?
- 0 1 2 3 4 5. Is the paragraph free of run-on sentences?

Writer: _____ Reader: _____

Priorities for your revision:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

