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6th grade Language Arts Persuasive Essay Rubric

Score: _____ out of 30 points

Name: _____

Date: _____

Persuasive Essay Rubric

Topic: Students write an essay in which they attempt to persuade/convince the reader to believe a certain point of view

| Novice <i>begins to approach expectations</i> | Apprentice <i>approaches expectations</i> | Proficient <i>meets expectations</i> | Distinguished <i>exceeds expectations</i> |
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| | | <p><u>Content</u> (12 points)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Did you write about ONE side of an issue that has more than one side? <input type="checkbox"/> Does your introduction end with a thesis statement that contains three supporting points? <input type="checkbox"/> Is your essay at least 5 paragraphs long – Intro, 3 body paragraphs, and conclusion? <input type="checkbox"/> Is each body paragraph strengthened at least 3 details? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Did you create a political advertisement trying to convince voters to vote a certain way? • This infomercial should have visuals • The infomercial should last no longer than one minute |
| | | <p><u>Voice/Style</u> (8 points)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Did you make sure not to write “I think”? <input type="checkbox"/> Did you use at least 2 strong verbs in each paragraph to convince your audience? <input type="checkbox"/> Did you state facts rather than opinion? <input type="checkbox"/> Did you recognize what the “other side” would say about the same issue in order to prove your own point of view? | |
| | | <p><u>Mechanics/Standard Conventions</u> (10 points)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Have you consistently used standard spelling and capitalization rules? <input type="checkbox"/> Have you consistently used punctuation correctly? <input type="checkbox"/> Did you fix any fragments? <input type="checkbox"/> Did you fix any run-on sentences? <input type="checkbox"/> Have you turned in all drafts showing evidence of revisions and editing? | |

I have seen my child’s graded rubric.

Parent Signature: _____