

Grades 6-8 Argument Next Steps Lesson Planner

Purpose and Focus		
What the standards say . . .	Select from following lesson topics to meet student writers' needs . . .	Notes . . .
Orients the reader with an introduction to the topic.	<input type="checkbox"/> Creating titles and leads to grab a reader's attention. <input type="checkbox"/> Incorporating background information so reader understands writer's purpose.	
Establishes a purpose by stating a claim.	<input type="checkbox"/> Stating claims clearly so that audience knows what type of claim writer is making, e.g., <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fact – proving something is true, e.g., <i>fast food is unhealthy</i> • Value – sharing or establishing criteria, e.g., <i>tacos are a healthier choice than hamburgers.</i> • Policy – effecting change to the way things are, e.g., <i>schools should serve healthier foods</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Avoiding words like "I think," or "I feel."	
Indicates an awareness of audience's needs by providing relevant contextual details.	<input type="checkbox"/> Giving details that provide a context or background and show why the topic claim are important.	
Idea Development and Structure		
Supports claim with clear reasons and relevant evidence.	<input type="checkbox"/> Illustrating move - using a specific example or fact from a text to support what was said. <input type="checkbox"/> Extending move - putting your own "spin" on ideas and terms taken from the text that was read. <input type="checkbox"/> Authorizing move - quoting an expert or using the credibility or status of source to support claim. <input type="checkbox"/> Countering move: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> "pushing back" from the text. <input type="checkbox"/> disagreeing with the text. <input type="checkbox"/> challenging something the text said or interpreting it differently from the the author. 	
Uses credible and sufficient sources to support the claim(s).	<input type="checkbox"/> Introducing source of information and piece of evidence. <input type="checkbox"/> Connecting evidence to claim. <input type="checkbox"/> Describing the context or situation, e.g., what the evidence made writer think about. <input type="checkbox"/> Explaining the relevance of the evidence to this situation, e.g., why the evidence applies to this new situation. <input type="checkbox"/> Imagining the potential result or outcome, i.e., how things might be different. <input type="checkbox"/> Supporting claim with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Relevant sources of evidence. <input type="checkbox"/> Believable sources of evidence. <input type="checkbox"/> Sufficient sources of evidence. 	
Shows a clear understanding of the topic or text.	<input type="checkbox"/> Using more than one credible and relevant source to support claim to show that writer has researched his topic and his reading has helped him understand the topic and formulate a claim.	
Groups related ideas, reasons, facts, and details into sections or paragraphs that are logically ordered.	<input type="checkbox"/> Grouping ideas, reasons and evidence in a logical order that is easy for reader to follow. <input type="checkbox"/> Using a <i>Bernabei Kernal Essay Organization Moves</i> : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> First I thought this – Then I learned this – Now I think this <input type="checkbox"/> My claim – Reason#1 – Reason#2 – Reason#3 – In the end <input type="checkbox"/> Overview of this issue - One side thinks – Another side thinks – I believe <input type="checkbox"/> My claim – How I know this – Another way I know this – Another way I know this – In the end <input type="checkbox"/> Overview of the issue – Here's what I am thinking – A question some people raise – My answer to that question – In the end 	

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	<input type="checkbox"/> My claim – Why I believe this – However, I am still wrestling with – Which makes me think now <input type="checkbox"/> One aspect of the issue – Another aspect of the issue – Another aspect of the issue – And so my claim <input type="checkbox"/> My claim on the issue – In addition, I'll add – In addition I'll add – Refined claim	
Uses a variety of transitional words, phrases and clauses to clarify the relationships among claim(s) and reasons.	<input type="checkbox"/> Using a variety of linking words, phrases, and clauses or transitions to guide reader through the argument.	
Establishes a formal style.	<input type="checkbox"/> Showing that writer has given his topic a lot of thought, has arrived at his argument by looking at more than one perspective on the issue, and is serious about his position. <input type="checkbox"/> Writing in a formal way so that the reader takes the argument seriously.	
Provides a concluding statement or section that follows from the argument presented.	<input type="checkbox"/> Giving a satisfactory ending that sums up argument and stresses why it is important to agree with the writer or consider his position on the issue.	

Research

<p>Quotes or paraphrases the data and conclusions of others accurately (with no evidence of plagiarism).</p> <p>Provides basic bibliographic source information, when appropriate (e.g., publishable writing piece).</p>	<p>Using sources correctly and effectively when illustrating, using examples like:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> “_____ <i>argues that</i> _____” <input type="checkbox"/> “_____ <i>claims that</i> _____” <input type="checkbox"/> “_____ <i>acknowledges that</i> _____” <input type="checkbox"/> “_____ <i>tells the story of</i> _____” <input type="checkbox"/> “_____ <i>reports that</i> _____” <input type="checkbox"/> “_____ <i>believes that</i> _____” <p>Using sources correctly and effectively when authorizing, using examples like:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>According to Sam Jones, principal of xyz school, which encourages . . .</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>A study conducted by xyz company, a non-profit organization that . . .revealed that. . .</i> <p>Using sources correctly and effectively when extending, using examples like:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Supporting my example, xyz’s research shows. . .</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Xyz’s research confirms that _____ is a problem. This connects to what we are experiencing at _____. However, we could solve this problem if we _____.</i> <p>Using sources correctly and effectively when countering, using examples like:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>While parent groups often talk about xyz negatively, recent xyz research shows there are positive effects.</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Whereas many of our students believe xyz to be true, there is research that actually shows. . .</i> <p>Using sources correctly and effectively when summarizing the opposition, using examples like:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> _____ <i>argues that</i> _____. <i>What the author fails to consider is . . .</i> <input type="checkbox"/> _____ <i>says that</i> _____. <i>This is true, but . . .</i> <input type="checkbox"/> _____ <i>suggests that</i> _____. <i>The author doesn’t explain why . . .</i> <input type="checkbox"/> _____ <i>argues that</i> _____. <i>Another way to look at this is . . .</i> <input type="checkbox"/> _____ <i>found that</i> _____. <i>However, the study doesn’t explore the connections between. . .</i> 	
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