

Missouri and MY Access!® Rubric Alignment
Argument, Grades 6-8

Missouri (MAP) Argument	MY Access!
<p>Organization and Purpose</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Claim is introduced, clearly communicated, and the focus is strongly maintained for the purpose and audience. -Alternate and opposing argument(s) are clearly acknowledged or addressed. -Consistent use of a variety of transitional strategies to clarify the relationships between and among ideas. -Effective introduction and conclusion. -Logical progression of ideas from beginning to end; strong connections between and among ideas with some syntactic variety. 	<p>Focus and Purpose</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Demonstrates a thorough and insightful understanding of the task, purpose, and audience. -Establishes and maintains a precise claim to argue the issue presented in the task. -Convincingly addresses opposing claims or counterarguments. <p>Organization</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Very effectively demonstrates a cohesive and unified structure that supports the logical progression of ideas. -Contains an engaging introduction and an insightful conclusion. -Uses effective and skillful paragraphing and transitional strategies throughout.
<p>Evidence/Elaboration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Comprehensive evidence from source materials (facts and details) is integrated, relevant, and specific. -Effective use of a variety of elaborative techniques. -Vocabulary is clearly appropriate for the audience and purpose. -Effective, appropriate style enhances content. 	<p>Content Development/Elaboration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Very effectively develops arguments with logical reasoning and adeptly integrates relevant details and/or source-based evidence to support the writer’s claims. -Uses a variety of elaborative techniques. -Demonstrates a very effective style and tone, precise control of language, domain-specific word choice, and an exceptional awareness of audience.
<p>Conventions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Adequate use of correct sentence formation, punctuation, capitalization, grammar usage, and spelling. 	<p>Language Use, Voice</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Uses well-structured and varied sentences. <p>Mechanics and Conventions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Contains few or no errors in grammar, mechanics, punctuation, and spelling.