

**Utah and MY Access!® Rubric Alignment
Persuasive/Argument Grades 3-5**

Utah Opinion Writing Rubric	MY Access! Persuasive/Argument
<p>Statement of Purpose/ Focus and Organization</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Opinion is clearly stated, focused, and strongly maintained. -Opinion is communicated clearly within the purpose, audience, and task. -Effective, consistent use of a variety of transitional strategies to clarify the relationships between and among ideas. -Logical progression of ideas from beginning to end. -Effective introduction and conclusion for audience and purpose. 	<p>Focus and Purpose/Organization</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Establishes and maintains a precise claim to argue the issue presented in the task. -Very effectively develops arguments with logical reasoning and adeptly integrates relevant details and/or source-based evidence to support the writer’s claims. -Demonstrates a thorough and insightful understanding of the task, purpose, and audience. -Uses a variety of elaborative techniques. - Contains an engaging introduction and an insightful conclusion. -Uses effective and skillful paragraphing and transitional strategies throughout.
<p>Evidence and Elaboration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Use of evidence from sources is smoothly integrated, comprehensive, and relevant. -Effective use of a variety of elaborative techniques. -Use of academic and domain-specific vocabulary is clearly appropriate for the audience and purpose. 	<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. <p>Language Use, Voice, and Style</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Demonstrates a very effective style and tone, precise control of language, and an exceptional awareness of audience. -Uses well-structured and varied sentences.
<p>Conventions and Editing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Some errors in usage and sentence formation are present, but no systematic pattern of errors is displayed. -Adequate use of punctuation, capitalization, and spelling 	<p>Mechanics and Conventions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Contains few or no errors in grammar, mechanics, punctuation, and spelling.