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Argumentative Paragraph Structure Rubric

Kristine Nugent-Ohls uses the rubric on the next page with students to self-assess their writing skills. During the year, she uses an assortment of rubrics for students to self-assess their understanding of the objective being taught.

Example of Argumentative Paragraph Structure

Topic sentence/hook. Background information. **Your words to introduce the quote “quote text” (author OR article title/cite your source).** **Explain your quote.** **Your words to introduce the quote “quote text” (cite your source).** **Explain your quote.** **Your words to introduce the quote “quote text” (cite your source).** **Explain your quote.** Tie your ideas together. Conclusion.

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Standards	Color Coding	I have mastered this.	I think I understand.	I'm still working on this.
I have introduced my source in my own words.	purple			
I have used a high-quality source.	green			
I have cited my source.	blue			
I have explained why my source mattered and how it connects to my overall argument.	red			