ADVANCED (4)

* + All proficient criteria plus at least one of the following:
  + I developed the claim fairly and thoroughly, supplying evidence in a manner that anticipates the concerns, values, and possible biases of the audience.

PROFICIENT (3)

* + I introduced a claim and stated the focus for the claim.
  + I organized the reasons and evidence clearly.
  + I supported the claim with clear reasons and relevant evidence.
  + I used credible sources and demonstrated an understanding of the topic or text.
  + I used words, phrases, and clauses to clarify the relationships among claims and reasons.
  + I acknowledged an opposing claim and then countered with logical reasoning and relevant evidence.
  + I provided a concluding statement that follows from the argument presented.

PROGRESSING (2)

* + 4-6 out of proficient criteria

NEEDS PRACTICE (1)

* + 1-3 of proficient criteria