**11th – 12th Writing Standard 1**

ADVANCED (4)

* + All proficient criteria plus:
  + Maintain a formal style.

PROFICIENT (3)

* + I introduced a claim and a counter-claim in a thesis statement.
  + I organized the reasons and evidence that support my claim and counter claim clearly.
  + I supported each claim with at least 2 clear reasons and relevant evidence from credible sources.
  + I developed claims and counter claims fairly with data and evidence.
  + I used transition words to demonstrate, or show, the relationships among claims and reasons.
  + I provided a concluding statement that follows from the argument presented and presents strengths and limitations of each claim.
  + I use proper grammar, sentence structure, and punctuation.

PROGRESSING (2)

* + 5-6 proficient criteria

NEEDS PRACTICE (1)

* + 1-4 of proficient criteria