WHST.6-8.1

Write arguments focused on *discipline-specific*

*content*.

a. Introduce claim(s) about a topic or issue,

acknowledge and distinguish the claim(s) from

alternate or opposing claims, and organize the

reasons and evidence logically.

b. Support claim(s) with logical reasoning and

relevant, accurate data and evidence that

demonstrate an understanding of the topic or

text, using credible sources.

c. Use words, phrases, and clauses to create

cohesion and clarify the relationships among

claim(s), counterclaims, reasons, and evidence.

d. Establish and maintain a formal style.

e. Provide a concluding statement or section

that follows from and supports the argument

presented.

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Advanced: (4)

* All proficient criteria plus…
* Uses words, phrases and clauses to create cohesion

Proficient (3)

* Include your opinion in the topic/thesis sentence
* Address opposing viewpoint
* Include at least three facts/reasons/details to support your opinion from credible sources
* Support opinion with logical reasoning and relevant, accurate data and evidence that demonstrate an understanding of the topic
* Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the argument presented.

Progressing (2)

* 4 out of 5

Needs Practice (1)

* 3 out of 6