**Context/Background**  \_\_\_\_\_/5

0 – No context present

2.5 – Limited context information

5 – Thorough context information

**Thesis Statement**  \_\_\_\_\_/10

0 – No thesis Present

5 – Thesis Present, but vague

10 – Strong Thesis

**Evidence Based Argument #1**  \_\_\_\_\_/15

0 – Not present

5 – Argument Identified

15 – Argument identified, and evidence used to support Argument

**Evidence Based Argument #2**  \_\_\_\_\_/15

0 – Not present

5 – Argument Identified

15 – Argument identified, and evidence used to support Argument

**Evidence Based Counter-Claim** \_\_\_\_\_/10

0 – Not present

2.5 – Counter Claim Identified

10 – Counter Claim identified, and evidence used to refute argument

**CMS Citations** \_\_\_\_\_\_/20

0 – No footnotes/works cited page present

5 – Either footnotes/works cited present, but citations are not accurate

15 - Footnotes and Works Cited page are present, but are not accurate

20 – Footnotes and Works Cited page are present and decent

**Grammar/Mechanics**  \_\_\_\_\_\_/10

0 – The number of grammatical/ mechanical errors makes it impossible to read paper

5 – No more than 10 grammatical/ mechanical errors

10 – No more than 5 grammatical/ mechanical errors

**Preliminary Work** \_\_\_\_\_\_/10

0 – Nothing preliminary work submitted

5 – 1 piece turned in prior to final draft

10 – 2 pieces turned in prior to final draft

**Formatting** \_\_\_\_\_\_/5

0 – Does not follow correct formatting guidelines

5 – Follows correct formatting guidelines