

Argument Observation Tool

Child's Name: _____

	Yes, date observed and notes	Not Yet, notes and next steps
Structure		
<p>Thesis: states what the writer is trying to convince the audience to do; appeals to the audience</p>		
<p>Reasons: support the thesis; are varied (two or more reasons); appeal to the audience</p>		
<p>Reinforcement of the Thesis: repeats the thesis in a new way; appeals to the audience</p>		

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Language		
Adjectives: positive and/or negative adjectives are used to strengthen the argument		
Medium: Letter		
Organization: includes all parts of a letter: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● heading ● greeting ● body ● closing ● signature 		
Conventions: List 1-2 areas of instruction that would most greatly improve the child’s ability to communicate with an audience, for example: encoding sounds, writing high-frequency words, putting spaces between words, using punctuation.		

Suggestions for Week 8 revisions, based on observations

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