 ***KAS* Argument Conferencing Guide—Grades 11-12**

**Guiding Principle C1:** Students will compose arguments to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and

sufficient evidence.

| **Composition**  **Elements** | ***Where Am I Now?***  Evidence of  Meeting or Exceeding the Standards | ***Where Am I Going?***  Areas for Growth | ***How Am I Going to Get There?***  Strategies/Resources Needed to  Strengthen My Composition |
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| **Clarity and** Coherence | * Introduces and maintains **precise and knowledgeable claim(s)** and establishes the significance of those claim(s). * Maintains a **clear** focus on task, purpose and audience. * Addresses **all** demands of the prompt/task. |  |  |
| **Counterclaims** | * **Acknowledges and distinguishes** claim(s) from alternate or opposing claims with insight, interpretation or clarification. * **Counters and refutes** opposing claims. |  |  |
| **Support** | * Develops claim(s) and/or opposing claims fairly and thoroughly with **logical reasoning and relevant evidence.** * Provides **logical** explanations of the most relevant evidence and ideas. * Provides reasoning that **points out the strengths and limitations of claim(s)** and opposing claims. * Develops claim(s) and opposing claims with evidence and reasoning that **clearly** anticipates the audience’s knowledge level, concerns, values and possible biases. |  |  |
| **Sourcing** | * **Accurately and effectively** uses multiple authoritative sources to support the claim(s) and/or opposing claims. * **Effectively** cites evidence by quoting and/or paraphrasing details, examples, ideas, data and conclusions. * Uses a **variety** of sources, while avoiding overreliance on any one source. * Avoids plagiarism by **effectively** following a standard format for citation. |  |  |
| **Organization** | * Builds and **maintains a clear** structure to develop the argument. * **Logically sequences** claim(s), counterclaims, reasons and evidence. * Uses **effective** words, phrases and clauses as well as **varied syntax** to **link the major sections of the text, create cohesion and clarify the relationships** between claim(s) and reasons, between reasons and evidence, and between claim(s) and opposing claims. * Provides a **logical** concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the argument presented. |  |  |
| **Language/ Conventions** | * **Establishes and maintains** a task appropriate tone or voice. * **Establishes and maintains** a task appropriate writing style. * **Effectively** uses appropriate word choice. * **Effectively** uses theconventions of Standard English grammar, usage, spelling, capitalization and punctuation with **minor** errors that **do not interfere** with understanding the writing. |  |  |

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