Science Argumentative/Persuasive Essay Rubric - Are You For or Against Artificial Intelligence (AI)?

Name: _____   Score: _____ /40

Section	4 = Advanced	3= Proficient	2=Basic	1=Needs work
Purpose for Writing: Does your writing provide a compelling argument or persuasive in support of your claims?	Your writing provides a compelling argument. Also, opposing claim(s) are mentioned.	Your writing provides an adequate argument in support of your claims. No opposing claim(s) presented.	Your argument to support your claims is not developed well.	Your writing needs a clear argument for your claims and supporting evidence is unclear or missing.
Introduction & Thesis Statement: Do you include background information on your topic, along with a clear thesis stating your argument and evidence?	Introduction includes general background of the issue. Thesis is well developed, addresses the prompt and provides a specific argument with a preview of the evidence.	Introductions includes some background information. Thesis addresses the prompt but may be vague and/or doesn't reference specific evidence. Background information could provide more detail.	Thesis is present, but is weak and not supported by argument or evidence. Background information is missing or not adequate.	Thesis is missing or does not properly address the question.
Supporting Evidence: Do you support your claims with logical reasoning and relevant evidence, while demonstrating a clear understanding of topic?	2 pieces of thoughtful, well worded, supporting evidence are addressed that are relevant to the topic. Your writing demonstrates a clear understanding of the topic.	Only 1 piece of supporting evidence are addressed or specific details are lacking. Your writing demonstrates a basic understanding of the topic.	Only 1 piece of supporting evidence is addressed and/or little reasoning or evidence is used to support your claims.	Supporting evidence is unclear or not relevant to the topic. Your writing does not demonstrate an understanding of the topic.
Mechanics: APA Format	Paper is in the proper APA format showing the required items - separate title page, running head, page numbers and separate citation page – including proper citation of sources.	Proper APA format is used but missing one of the required items.	APA format is only partially used and/or several of the required items are missing.	APA format is missing or inadequate throughout the entire paper.
Bibliography/Citations:	Done in the correct format with no errors. Includes at least 2 major references (e.g. science journal articles, books, reliable internet sites)	Done in the correct format with no errors. Includes at least 1 references.	Done in the correct format. Includes only 1 reference with minimal errors.	No reference is used, missing or not in the correct format.