

Is Pluto Really a Planet?

Student Argument Assessment Rubric

Arguments contain information to support a claim. They contain the following elements:

Evidence: Information that leads to a claim	Literal: inadequate information to support argument; no evidence _____	Developed: some information, but not all substantiated _____	In-Depth: substantial information, not all verifiable _____	Sophisticated: basic argument has verifiable evidence to validate claim _____
Claim: The assertion or basic argument verified by the information gathered	Literal: little information; no evidence _____	Developed: some information, but not all substantiated _____	In-Depth: substantial information, not all verifiable _____	Sophisticated: verifiable evidence, substantial information _____
Support: Examples or explanations to support the claim	Literal: no examples to validate claim _____	Developed: few accurate examples, or examples not accurate _____	In-Depth: several accurate examples or explanations _____	Sophisticated: all examples or explanations verifiable _____
Qualifier: a restriction on the claim or evidence for the claim, concessions about the claim	Literal: no evidence _____	Developed: little evidence _____	In-Depth: some evidence _____	Sophisticated: valid evidence _____

