



Oxford City Schools

# Proficiency Scale

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**GRADE LEVEL: 8      COURSE NAME: ELA**  
**MEASUREMENT TOPIC: PRODUCE ARGUMENTATIVE WRITING**

<b>4</b>	In addition to Score 3, the student makes in-depth inferences and applications.
<b>3</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Produce a clear, coherent argument to support a claim.</li><li>• Defend a position with accurate, relevant textual evidence.</li><li>• Utilize transitional phrases to indicate and/or cite textual evidence used to support a claim and identify counterclaims.</li></ul>
<b>2</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Utilize the writing process to produce a draft.</li><li>• Acknowledge the opposing claim(s).</li><li>• Determine a position in an argument.</li></ul>

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With help, a partial understanding of some of the simpler details and processes and some of the more complex ideas and processes.

**Key Vocabulary:**

argumentative writing, argument, defend, position, reason, counterclaim, rebuttal, cite, accurate evidence, relevant evidence, credible sources