Position Statement Rubric

Use this rubric to assess students' position statements on the construction scenarios in the Amazon Basin.

Criteria	Developing	Approaching	Met
Position Statement	The position statement provides an idea of the author's stance on the topic.	The position statement communicates the author's stance on the topic.	The position statement is clearly focused and succinctly communicates the author's stance on the topic.
Supporting Arguments	The position statement contains at least one supporting argument. The argument is focused and supports the overall position statement.	The position statement contains at least two supporting arguments. Each argument is focused, explains the benefits of that argument, and supports the overall position statement.	The position statement contains at least three supporting arguments. Each argument is clearly focused, explains the benefits of that argument, addresses concerns, and supports the overall position statement.
Researchable Facts	The position statement includes few credible facts. Facts are not appropriately cited.	The position statement includes some credible facts. Some facts are appropriately cited.	The position statement provides sufficient credible, researchable facts. All facts are appropriately cited.
Mechanics	Factors such as poor organization, poor grammar/spelling, or lack of clarity in the writing make the position statement difficult to understand and ineffective.	The position statement is understandable, but factors such as wordiness or poor grammar/spelling make it less effective.	The position statement includes proper grammar, appropriate spelling, and an effective writing style to clearly and succinctly communicate ideas.

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