*"When the debate is lost, slander becomes the tool of the loser."*
~ Socrates, 400 BC

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**Self-check for Argumentative Writing**

Use this sheet to help you in the writing process of your argumentative writing.

**Topic**: _____

**Revision**

1. Do you have a precise thesis statement stating your claim in the introduction paragraph? yes or no
   Write it out here completely:
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2. What are two pieces of supporting evidence you use to back-up your claim?
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3. What is the alternate/opposing claim (what is the evidence *against* your position?)
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4. Does your paper have <u>at least</u> three paragraphs (introduction, body, conclusion)? yes or no
5. Do you have at least five GIST words (key terms and phrases) in your essay?
   List your GIST words here:_____
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6. Is there an appropriate distance between reader and writer? This means a formal, third person voice – no *"I think"* or *"you"* statements. yes or no
7. Do you have a concise final statement based on your thesis and the evidence you presented? yes or no Write it out here:
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**Final Editing:**

8. Read your paper OUT LOUD. Make sure your spelling, capitalization, and punctuation are correct. If typed, use Times New Roman or Arial, 12 point font, double-spaced.