Assessing Reasons For and Against

	Outstanding	**Very good**	**Competent**	**Satisfactory**	**In-progress**
Identifies the reasons for	Identifies the most important evidence *for* the conclusions.	Identifies most of the important evidence *for* the conclusions.	Identifies some relevant and important evidence *for* the conclusions.	Identifies very little relevant evidence *for* the conclusions.	Identifies no relevant evidence *for* the conclusions.
Identifies the reasons against	Identifies the most important evidence *against* the conclusions.	Identifies most of the important evidence *against* the conclusions.	Identifies some relevant and important evidence *against* the conclusions.	Identifies very little relevant evidence *against* the conclusions.	Identifies no relevant evidence *against* the conclusions.
Offers plausible conclusions	The conclusions are highly plausible and highly justifiable in light of the evidence provided.	The conclusions are clearly plausible and justifiable in light of the evidence provided.	The conclusions are plausible and somewhat justifiable in light of the evidence provided.	The conclusions are plausible but are barely justifiable given the evidence provided.	The conclusions are implausible and not justifiable given the evidence provided.