Evidence-Based Argument Checklist

☐ Early in the piece, I offer a clear and interesting claim about the text.

☐ The claim is arguable—someone could use evidence to offer a different interpretation or disagree with me.

☐ I use lots of direct evidence from the text to support my claim.

☐ The evidence I use shows that I know the text well and have thought about it more than just a superficial reading.

☐ I organize my evidence into meaningful points and explain the evidence.

☐ I make sure the reader understands why the evidence supports and advances my claim.