

## APPENDIX C: TEMPLATE TASKS

These template tasks come from *LDC Template Task Collection 1*. At [www.literacydesigncollaborative.org](http://www.literacydesigncollaborative.org), you can download the complete *Collection 1* document, which identifies the standards hardwired into each template, along with sample tasks and approved variations.

	“After Researching”	“Essential Question”
Argumentation Template Tasks		
<b>Analysis</b>	<p><b>Task 1:</b> After researching _____ (informational texts) on _____ (content), write _____ (essay or substitute) that argues your position on _____ (content). Support your position with evidence from your research. <b>L2</b> Be sure to acknowledge competing views. <b>L3</b> Give examples from past or current events or issues to illustrate and clarify your position. <b>(Argumentation/Analysis)</b></p>	<p><b>Task 2:</b> [Insert question] After reading _____ (literature or informational texts), write _____ (essay or substitute) that addresses the question and support your position with evidence from the text(s). <b>L2</b> Be sure to acknowledge competing views. <b>L3</b> Give examples from past or current events or issues to illustrate and clarify your position. <b>(Argumentation/Analysis)</b></p>
<b>Comparison</b>	<p><b>Task 3:</b> After researching _____ (informational texts) on _____ (content), write _____ (essay or substitute) that compares _____ (content) and argues _____ (content). Be sure to support your position with evidence from the texts. <b>(Argumentation/Comparison)</b></p>	<p><b>Task 4:</b> [Insert question] After reading _____ (literature or informational texts), write _____ (essay or substitute) that compares _____ (content) and argues _____ (content). Be sure to support your position with evidence from the text/s. <b>(Argumentation/Comparison)</b></p>
<b>Evaluation</b>	<p><b>Task 5:</b> After researching _____ (informational texts) on _____ (content), write _____ (essay or substitute) that discusses _____ (content) and evaluates _____ (content). Be sure to support your position with evidence from your research. <b>(Argumentation/Evaluation)</b></p>	<p><b>Task 6:</b> [Insert question] After reading _____ (literature or informational texts), write _____ (essay or substitute) that discusses _____ (content) and evaluates _____ (content). Be sure to support your position with evidence from the text/s. <b>(Argumentation/Evaluation)</b></p>
<b>Problem-Solution</b>	<p><b>Task 7:</b> After researching _____ (informational texts) on _____ (content), write _____ (essay or substitute) that identifies a problem _____ (content) and argues for a solution. Support your position with evidence from your research. <b>L2</b> Be sure to examine competing views. <b>L3</b> Give examples from past or current events or issues to illustrate and clarify your position. <b>(Argumentation/Problem-Solution)</b></p>	<p><b>Task 8:</b> [Insert question] After reading _____ (literature or informational texts) on _____ (content), write _____ (essay or substitute) that identifies a problem _____ (content) and argues for a solution _____ (content). Support your position with evidence from the text(s). <b>L2</b> Be sure to examine competing views. <b>L3</b> Give examples from past or current events or issues to illustrate and clarify your position. <b>(Argumentation/Problem-Solution)</b></p>
<b>Cause-Effect</b>	<p><b>Task 9:</b> After researching _____ (informational texts) on _____ (content), write _____ (essay or substitute) that argues the cause(s) of _____ (content) and explains the effect(s) _____ (content). What _____ (conclusions or implications) can you draw? Support your discussion with evidence from the text(s). <b>(Argumentation/Cause-Effect)</b></p>	<p><b>Task 10:</b> [Insert question] After reading _____ (literature or informational texts) on _____ (content), write _____ (essay or substitute) that argues the cause(s) of _____ (content) and explains the effect(s) _____ (content). What _____ (conclusions or implications) can you draw? Support your discussion with evidence from the text(s). <b>(Argumentation/Cause-Effect)</b></p>