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<b>8<sup>th</sup> Grade Argument: SAGE Writing Rubric Scores</b>	
Statement of Purpose/Focus and Organization	3
Evidence/Elaboration	3
Conventions/Editing	2

This essay makes an adequate argument that focuses for the most part on the prompt. It has a clear organizational structure, including an acceptable introduction and conclusion that state the claim. A counterclaim is addressed in the fifth paragraph. The essay makes minimal use of transitions between ideas (transitions at the beginning/ends of paragraphs) and among ideas (internal transitions within the paragraphs) to show the text structure and organization.

The essay uses quotations from the passage set and cites them using author and title tags. However, these quotations are often unrelated to the line of reasoning and are not always integrated successfully. The essay makes adequate attempts at elaboration, but sometimes drifts into embellishment. The essay makes use of academic ("sources") and domain-specific ("social media") vocabulary and maintains an appropriate style and tone for the audience.

While some editing errors are evident, they do not rise to the level of obscuring the meaning of the text.