

Essay Checklist

- A catchy introduction gives a context to your discussion.
- The essay is organized for a specific purpose and audience.
- The thesis statement asserts an arguable proposition, or claim.

Though it may be several sentences long, it must contain two parts: 1) your response, and 2) your reasons for thinking and feeling this way.

- Body paragraphs support the thesis with evidence.
- Writing style has good command over words, imagery, and expression.
- Writing shows critical thinking and cohesive argument.
- The grammar of the writing is correct, with a minimum of errors.
- Sentences are punctuated properly with commas, periods, semicolons.
- Paragraphs have coherent tone and flow from general to specific.
- The conclusion effectively closes the essay by summing up your argument, reasserting the thesis strongly in new words, and suggesting the implications of your analysis on the broader world.

Additional Comments: _____
