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| **Introduction** (15 pts.) | Introduction must be 4-5 sentences minimum and include the following:* General attention grabber
* Background info
* Quality thesis statement (final sentence)
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| **Conclusion** (15 pts.) | Conclusion must be 4 sentences minimum and include the following:* Revisit but not directly repeat the thesis (first sentence)
* Remind audience of strongest arguments
* Final concluding sentence that makes the essay feel finished. (Reflects the creative hook used in intro)
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| **Body Paragraphs**(30 pts.) | Each body paragraph (3 total) must follow this structure:* Topic sentence which directly relates to thesis
* Assertion #1
* Evidence (at least 1 proof must use a direct quote)
* Commentary
* Transition wording
* Assertion #2
* Evidence (at least 1 proof must use a direct quote)
* Commentary
* Concluding sentence that begins to transition to the next paragraph
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| **Word Usage &****Readability**(20 pts.) | * Persuasive language throughout the essay
* No 1st & 2nd person pronouns (except personal experience evidence),
* No contractions
* Strong wording throughout (weak verbs & adverbs avoided, variety of sentence openers, proper transitions)
* Awkward, vague, repetitive wording avoided
* All facts within paragraph relate to topic sentence
* Thesis statement proven
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| **Grammar/Punctuation & mechanics**(20 pts.) | * Properly formatted Works Cited page
* Proper punctuation, capitalization, spelling throughout
* Proper use of grammar (Watch out for incomplete sentences!)
* 1 ½ pages (5 paragraphs)
* Proper MLA formatting throughout, including quote formatting/punctuation
* Final printed submission includes all previously graded drafts in essay folder
* Submitted to Tii by 10 am on due date (late submission = late penalty)
* Parent signature on clean copy of rubric, which is included in the essay folder
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**Tutor Comments:**

**Total score:**

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