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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) |
| **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) |
| **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 |
| **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 |
| **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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