

Essay Check List: Parents should use this check list to edit student's essays as follows:

- Place a check in the column if no changes are needed, place an X in the column, if changes are needed.
- Students should make the necessary changes, and the "best ever" version should be turned in to me.
- Please staple the check list with your marks, and your signature to the parent-edited essay, and staple both to the student's best ever essay.

\_\_\_ Has proper MLA formatting:

heading in left-hand corner, page numbers in upper right, starting with page 1

double-spaced and typed in Times New Roman 12 pt. Font

Title centered and in regular font

Contains transitions within and between the body paragraphs (10 pts)

\_\_\_ Has an introduction which contains the hook, introductory information and the thesis sentence. (10 pts)

\_\_\_ Has a conclusion which contains the three R's: (revisits the three main points, restates the thesis, and wraps up the paper or any loose ends.) (15 pts)

\_\_\_ Has three body paragraphs, each containing a main point, and all supporting information concerning the main point, using "SEE" format. (45 pts)

\_\_\_ Contains "dress-ups." Dress-ups are words or phrases that are used to make a paper of better quality by making the language brighter, more fun and less monotonous. No banned or weak words. (15 pts)

Example of "Dress-Ups"

\_\_\_ Vivid adverb

\_\_\_ Quality adjective

\_\_\_ Strong Verb

Mechanics: (25 pts) Although, if there is a very high number of mechanical issues, the paper will need to be redone, and will not be accepted.

\_\_\_ All sentences are complete. There are no run-on sentences or fragments.

\_\_\_ Uses only third person, except if approved to use personal examples.

\_\_\_ All words are spelled correctly.

\_\_\_ Punctuation is used correctly, so that sentence structure flows in a smooth manner. Commas are used in the right place in the correct manner.

Parent Signature confirming that you've read student's essay according to this rubric: (10 pts)

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TOTAL: \_\_\_\_\_ / 130

