**Essay Checklist**

**Introductory Paragraph (1)**

\_\_\_\_\_ Do I have a creative / interesting title that gives insight into my essay topic?

\_\_\_\_\_ Do I have clear evidence of a hook?

\_\_\_\_\_ Have I included a statement of importance or clarification?

\_\_\_\_\_ Can I identify a clear thesis statement that tells the reader what my essay is about?

\_\_\_\_\_ Does my introduction identify at least 3 sub-topics that develop my thesis?

**Body Paragraph (2)**

\_\_\_\_\_ Does this body paragraph begin with a sentence that tells the reader what that paragraph will be about? (Opinion / Topic sentence)

\_\_\_\_\_ For **each** of my points, do I have **SPECIFIC details or quotations** for support (Reference)?

\_\_\_\_\_ Have I clearly drawn the connection between my idea and the quotation? (Or have I left the reader to connect the dots for him/herself?)

\_\_\_\_\_ Have I explained the significance of the quotation / interpreted its meaning for the reader to clearly demonstrate my understanding of the text?

\_\_\_\_\_ Have I ended the paragraph with a Comment / Summary?

**Body Paragraph (3)**

**\_\_\_\_\_** Have I included a transition and topic sentence?

\_\_\_\_\_ Does this body paragraph begin with a sentence that tells the reader what that paragraph will be about? (Opinion / Topic sentence)

\_\_\_\_\_ For **each** of my points, do I have **SPECIFIC details or quotations** for support (Reference)?

\_\_\_\_\_ Have I clearly drawn the connection between my idea and the quotation? (Or have I left the reader to connect the dots for him/herself?)

\_\_\_\_\_ Have I **explained the significance of the quotation / interpreted its meaning** for the reader to clearly demonstrate my understanding of the text?

\_\_\_\_\_ Have I ended the paragraph with a Comment / Summary / Transition sentence?

**Body Paragraph (4)**

**\_\_\_\_\_** Have I included a transition and topic sentence?

\_\_\_\_\_ Does this body paragraph begin with a sentence that tells the reader what that paragraph will be about? (Opinion / Topic sentence)

\_\_\_\_\_ For **each** of my points, do I have **SPECIFIC details or quotations** for support (Reference)?

\_\_\_\_\_ Have I clearly drawn the connection between my idea and the quotation? (Or have I left the reader to connect the dots for him/herself?)

\_\_\_\_\_ Have I **explained the significance of the quotation / interpreted its meaning** for the reader to clearly demonstrate my understanding of the text?

\_\_\_\_\_ Have I ended the paragraph with a Comment / Summary / Transition sentence?

**Concluding Paragraph (5)**

\_\_\_\_\_ Have I stated that the evidence (1, 2, 3)has proven my thesis?

\_\_\_\_\_ Have I avoided introducing new arguments/material into the conclusion?

\_\_\_\_\_ Have I made a final comment that is reflective and/or ties back to my hook?

**General**

\_\_\_\_\_ Did I proofread my whole essay carefully?

\_\_\_\_\_ Have I developed my thesis clearly throughout the essay?

\_\_\_\_\_ Do my ideas flow logically and connect together using transitions?

\_\_\_\_\_ Are my sentences clear and do they make sense? Have I avoided using “I” and “you”?

\_\_\_\_\_ Have I punctuated and used capitals appropriately? Is my verb tense appropriate & consistent?

\_\_\_\_\_ Have I double-spaced **and provided appropriate identifying information in a footer (Student name / date / class / teacher name)**

\_\_\_\_\_ What are the 5 highest vocabulary words I have used? Are there better synonyms?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_