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Essay Check-List

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Essay Check-List

Please turn this check-list in with each paper you write. Thanks!

Name:

Essay Title:

MLA Formatting

___ Page Headers, ie. Mahoney 1

___ First Page Header (Left-Aligned)

___ Title

___ Inline Citations, ie. (Steinbeck 34)

___ Works Cited Page

Please check our MLA Formatting Handout on Blackboard as needed.

Organization

___ Engaging Introductory Paragraph (I hook the reader into my overall subject.)

___ One-Sentence Thesis (My thesis states three main points and why I will be discussing them.)

___ Clear Topic Sentence for Each Paragraph

___ Clear Concluding Sentence for Each Paragraph

___ Transitional Phrases between Paragraphs/Main Ideas

Please check our Transitional Phrases Handout on Blackboard as needed.

___ Transitional Phrases between Supporting Points/within Each Paragraph

___ Chronology (Ideas and text references are introduced in a logical order, relating to events as they transpire along the story timeline.)

___ Concluding Paragraph (Why did I choose to write about this subject? Why does my thesis matter to the reader?)

Exposition

___ I used ample text citation (two supporting text examples—quotation/paraphrase—per topic).

___ I introduced each quotation with a sentence or two of story context, so that the reader knows what's happening.

___ I introduced each quotation with a tag, ie. Steinbeck writes, "... " or Beowulf says, "... " .

___ I reflected on my examples, tying them back to the paragraph topic/relating them to contemporary life.

___ My reflection is deep, moving beyond the obvious into the land of insight and originality.

Presentation

___ I ran my paper through grammar/spell check.

___ I proofread my paper for clarity and style.

Integrity

___ All of the ideas in this paper are stated in my own words.

___ If I used secondary sources, I cited them inline *and* on the Works Cited page.

Overall...What grade would you give your paper? Please circle one. Add +/- if you'd like...

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