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Essay Outline

Introduction: 1st paragraph (5-7 sentences)

Hook or grabber statement

Introduce the *book title*, author, and background of topic

Thesis statement- restate the essay question (what you will prove in your writing).

Body : 2nd- 4th paragraph(s) Use this for each body paragraph.(8-10)

Topic Sentence

Concrete detail

Commentary- about detail

Concrete detail

Commentary

Concrete detail

Commentary

Concluding sentence

Conclusion: last paragraph (5-7 sentences)

Restate thesis.

Complete idea or anecdote started in intro.

Reinforce major points made in body.

Look ahead and give your reader one final thought to take away from your essay.

Writing rubric

Writing Rubric - Grade 7 and 8

Teacher:

Name: _____

Title of Work: _____ Date Submitted: _____

	Criteria				Points
	1	2	3	4	
Organization	Sequence of information is difficult to follow. Topic sentence is unclear and not restated in the closing	Reader has difficulty following work because student jumps around. Topic sentence is unclear or not restated in the closing.	Student presents information in logical sequence which reader can follow Topic sentence is clear, correctly placed but not restated in the closing.	Information in logical, interesting sequence which reader can follow. Topic sentence is clear, correctly placed and restated in the closing.	_____
Content Knowledge/ Supporting Detail	Student does not grasp information; student cannot answer questions about subject. Paragraph (s) have no supporting detail that relate back to the main idea	Student is uncomfortable with content and is able to demonstrate basic concepts. Paragraph (s) one supporting detail that relate back to the main idea	Student is at ease with content, but fails to elaborate. Paragraph(s) have two supporting details that relate back to the main idea	Student demonstrates full knowledge (more than require Paragraph(s) have three or more supporting details that relate back to the main idea	_____
Mechanics and Grammar	Work has four or more spelling errors and/or grammatical errors.	Presentation has three misspellings and/or grammatical errors.	Presentation has no more than two misspellings and/or grammatical errors.	Presentation has no misspellings or grammatical errors.	_____
Neatness	Work is Illegible or IM words are used	Work has three or four areas that are sloppy.	Work has one or two areas that are sloppy.	Work is neatly done.	_____
Total---->					_____