



PEER CHECKLIST

Name _____ Essay topic _____

NOTES

1. ORGANIZATION

INTRODUCTION

Introduction begins with a skillfully crafted hook.
Introduction establishes a clear organizational structure.
Introduction has a clear thesis statement.

BODY

Each body paragraph has a topic sentence.
Effective transitions support a clear development of ideas.
Each body paragraph has effective supporting details.
Each body paragraph has a conclusion or transition sentence.

CONCLUSION

The conclusion paragraph does not introduce new ideas.
The conclusion paragraph restates the thesis statement.
The conclusion paragraph answers “So what?” or makes a broad generalization.

2. COHERENCE

The ideas flow logically and make sense.
Sentence to sentence connections are present.
There are no awkward parts that interrupt the flow of the essay.
There are no extraneous details.

3. IDEAS/CONTENT

Everything in the essay supports the thesis statement.
There is enough supporting evidence for each body paragraph.
Descriptive and precise words are used.
Sentence structure is varied (a mix of simple, compound, and complex sentences).

GRAMMAR AND MECHANICS

Point out any of the following that you find:

- Misspelled words
- Grammatical mistakes
- Punctuation errors
- Run-on Sentences
- Fragments



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