*Essay Checklist*

***Wrap it up!***

*Don’t repeat the thesis or points already mentioned. Reflect on the topic and give further insight.*

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|  | A concluding statement that reflects on the points of the essay. |
|  | A conclusion that provides added insight without repeating itself.  |

*Use carefully chosen evidence to say something unique about your thesis.*

***Provide insight!***

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|  | A topic sentence that clearly states the writer’s point. |
|  | Detailed evidence that has been fully authorized.  |
|  | Explain how the evidence proves the thesis statement. |

***Body Paragraphs***

***Conclusion***

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|  | A brief introduction that hooks your reader. |
|  | A statement that introduces your main points discussed in the body paragraphs. |
|  | A clear and provable thesis statement. |

***Stay focused!***

*Your introductory paragraph is the most important one in the entire essay. Make sure you are clear and interesting!*

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|  | Does the essay have a clear beginning, middle, and end? |
|  | Does the essay include a thoughtful conclusion? |
|  | Did the writer attempt various sentence structures? |
|  | Did the writer use any dead words? |
|  | Are there any grammatical errors? Look for capitalization, run-on sentences, misspelled words, or misplaced commas. |
|  | Did the writer use transitional words and phrases? |
|  | Did the writer use vocabulary specific to the topic? |
|  | Did the writer ever use personal pronouns (I, we, our, us)? |

***Extras***

***Introduction***