Core B Research Essay Grading Rubric

Student Name: _____

Introduction (15 pts)	☐ Minimum 5 sentences ☐ "Hook" (draws reader in without giving away topic) ☐ Transitional sentences (bridge to your thesis) ☐ Quality thesis statement- clearly relays an <u>arguable</u> point (final sentence)
Conclusion (15 pts)	☐ Minimum 5 sentences ☐ Revisits but does not directly repeat the thesis ☐ Summarizes essay's most significant points ☐ Leaves reader with a final impression of your topic ☐ Final clincher reflects opener
Body Paragraphs (50 pts)	☐ <u>Clear</u> topic sentences which directly relate to thesis ☐ Facts within paragraph directly relate to topic sentence ☐ Transitions wording between evidences ☐ At least two evidences in each body paragraph, <u>generalizations avoided</u>! ☐ Clincher sentence ☐ Transition between paragraphs
Quotes/Evidence (30 pts)	☐ All sources listed on the Works Cited page are cited at least once ☐ No block quotes or stand-alone quotes. ☐ Quotes are CLEARLY explained (NOT restated) ☐ Quotes are chosen wisely. Common information quotes avoided.
Sentence Structure/ Word Usage (20 pts.)	☐ Variety of adjectives and adverbs, sentence openers ☐ No contractions or 1st & 2nd person pronouns ☐ Slang/idioms avoided ☐ Awkward, vague, repetitive wording avoided
Mechanics (20 pts)	☐ No blatant spelling or grammatical errors ☐ MLA formatting ☐ Works cited page included, proper MLA formatting
Submission Details (Deductions taken from final score)	☐ Note cards, outline, 1st rough draft, final draft, signed parent checklist submitted in a 2 pocket folder (3 point deduction for each missing element) ☐ 4-6 pages (15 point deduction if < 4 FULL pages) ☐ Submitted to Turnitin.com by class time on due date (20 pt deduction for late submission)

Tutor Comments:

Total Score:

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