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**Essay Writing Checklist**

Introduction

* Does your introduction have background information, so the reader knows what you’re talking about?
* Do you have a reasonable counterclaim?
* Do you have a one sentence thesis…
* … at the end of your intro paragraph…
* … that has 3 appropriate subclaims?

Body Paragraphs

* Do you start each paragraph with a topic sentence that explains what the paragraph is about?
* Does your topic sentence include a transition to help the reader from one topic to the next?
* Do you have a supporting paragraph for each subclaim?

Evidence

* Did you properly cite all of your evidence (even if it’s not a direct quote)?
* Do you have evidence supporting *each* of your subclaims?
* Do you provide your own explanation for why the evidence relates to your claims?

Conclusion

* Does your conclusion restate the main arguments and explanations of your essay without going into new details?