Essay Checklist

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| **Introduction** | **Yes** | **Not Yet** |
| Is there a clear introduction? |  |  |
| Does the introduction grab your attention? |  |  |
| Does it introduce the reader to the essay (Beyond simply stating, ‘My essay is about…’) |  |  |
| Is the writer’s opinion clearly stated? |  |  |
| **Body** | | |
| Are there three distinct paragraphs, at least five sentences each? |  |  |
| Does the first sentence in each paragraph introduce the subject of each paragraph? |  |  |
| Does each paragraph include evidence from the short story and/or film that help prove the writer’s opinion? |  |  |
| Does each paragraph stay on topic? |  |  |
| **Conclusion** | | |
| Does the conclusion explain the purpose of the essay in new words/language? |  |  |
| Does it leave the reader convinced of the writer’s opinion? |  |  |
| Does it leave the paper with a satisfying closing? |  |  |
| **Mechanics: Be sure to check the following** | | |
| Capitalization |  |  |
| Punctuation |  |  |
| Spelling |  |  |
| Grammar |  |  |

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