Core B Research Essay Grading Rubric

Student: _____

Title & Introduction (10 pts)	2 1 <u>Creative Title & Hook</u>: broad, grab the reader's attention 2 1 <u>Background</u>: general info about the topic 2 1 <u>Narrowing</u>: transition from background to thesis 2 1 <u>Thesis</u>: last sentence, clear topic, arguable opinion 2 1 Overall the intro arouses reader's curiosity and conveys the right tone about the topic
Conclusion (10 pts)	2 1 <u>Restated thesis</u>: first sentence, not repetitive, told in a "conclusive" way 2 1 <u>Argument Summary</u>: remind of the essay's strongest points, answers "So what?" 2 1 <u>Application</u>: leaves reader with a final impression or take-away 2 1 <u>Clincher</u>: final sentence, reflects the hook, wraps up essay 2 1 Overall the conclusion brings a sense of closure and resolution to the topic
Body Paragraphs (65 pts) **(first number is how many points each other number is worth. For ex, each topic sentence is worth one point, and each assertion is worth two.)**	**Pts Paragraph #** **1** 1 2 3 4 5 6 <u>Topic sentences</u>: clear topics that directly relate to thesis **2** 1 2 3 4 5 6 <u>Assertions</u>: make solid, arguable claims, no generalizations **2** 1 2 3 4 5 6 <u>Evidence</u>: quality info; clearly supports assertion and relates to the topic **2** 1 2 3 4 5 6 <u>Commentary</u>: clearly explains evidence, not repetitive; completes the proof **1** 1 2 3 4 5 6 <u>Concluding sentences</u>: wraps up entire paragraph, conclusive **1** 1 2 3 4 5 6 <u>Transitions</u>: between all proofs **1** 2 3 4 5 6 <u>Bridge Transitions</u>: between all body paragraphs **1** 1 2 3 4 5 6 <u>Proofs</u>: at least two complete per paragraph; both related to the topic
Grammar, Style, and Editing (23 pts)	3 2 1 <u>Word Choice</u>: Strong descriptive language (limited be verbs) 3 2 1 <u>Communication</u>: *persuasive*, clear, and logical; no awkward or repetitive wording 2 1 <u>Order</u>: body paragraphs arranged in a logical order 3 2 1 <u>Openers/Transitions</u>: varied; guide the reader and connect ideas 3 2 1 <u>Editing</u>: Proper grammar, punctuation, capitalization, and spelling throughout 3 2 1 <u>Syntax</u>: Complete sentences, no run-ons or fragments 3 2 1 <u>Voice</u>: 3rd person only (except for direct quotes) 3 2 1 <u>Tone</u>: formal, no slang/idioms, no contractions

Formatting & Quotes (12 pts)	2 1 <u>MLA Formatting</u>: 1-in. margins, double-spaced, Times New Roman 12-pt, header, etc.
	3 2 1 <u>Quotes</u>: Properly blended and punctuated. No block quotes (less than 4 lines each)
	   2 1 <u>In-Text Citations</u>: all have a corresponding works cited entry; properly formatted
	3 2 1 <u>Works Cited Page</u>: fully updated and corrected from first draft
	   2 1 <u>Sources</u>: minimum 4, at least 2 books, all cited at least once in the essay.

Submission & Length	− 5% <u>Submission</u>: Parent signature on checklist & all required elements in folder. −10% <u>Length</u>: Minimum 4 FULL pages; Maximum 7 pages (not including works cited). −10% <u>Turnitin</u>: Automatic deduction for late upload.

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