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Essay Checklist

Organization (Introduction / Conclusion)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● My essay has a clear introduction that contains a focused thesis statement. My introduction gives a preview of each body paragraph.● My conclusion is clear, focused, and wraps up my essay.
Organization (Body)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● My essay has three body paragraphs, each with topic sentences, evidence, and closing sentences.● Evidence is formatted with a lead-in, quotation/citation, and then analysis of the quotation.
Ideas	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● I explain my ideas using evidence from the book and my original analysis.● My quotes/citations clearly connect to the ideas in each paragraph and relate back to my thesis; they are not randomly chosen.
Voice	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● My thesis is clear, provable, and in my own words.● My thesis is the focus of my entire essay, and all details relate back to the thesis.● I do not unnecessarily summarize.
Word Choice	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● My essay demonstrates grade-level vocabulary.● I avoid repetitive and overused words.● I use formal language and avoid first and second person pronouns.
Sentence Fluency	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● I have varied the lengths of my sentences, using coordinators where appropriate to incorporate compound and complex sentences.
Conventions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● I have carefully proofread my work, checking for silly spelling, capitalization, or punctuation errors.● I have indented each new paragraph and put spaces where necessary.
Presentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● I have formatted my essay correctly (heading), especially my quotes/citations.● A Works Cited page is at the end of my essay.