Essay Writing Rubric

1. Introduction Paragraph (Paragraph 1)

* A Hook that draws the reader in.
* Introduces the reader to the topic.
* A clear concise, one sentence thesis that answers the topic question and states the main reasons that support the answer or argument.

2. Main Body Paragraphs (Paragraphs 2, 3 and 4)

* First sentence or topic sentence introduces the first reason or argument.
* Second sentence gives evidence or quote that supports the first reason or argument.
* Third and fourth sentences are commentary that explain the evidence or quote, and how it supports the reason or argument in the topic sentence.
* Concluding sentence restates the first reason or argument, and relates it back to the main topic of the essay or answer to the topic question.

3. Counter Argument Paragraph (Paragraph 5)

* First sentence introduces an opposing view giving an opposing reason or argument that goes against the essay’s thesis.
* Second sentence gives evidence or a quote that disproves the opposing reason or argument.
* Third and fourth sentences are commentary that explain the evidence or quote and how it disproves the opposing reason or argument.
* Concluding sentence restates the opposing view and how the evidence presented disproves that view.

4. Concluding Paragraph (Paragraph 6)

* Restates the main reasons or arguments in different words.
* Restates the thesis statement in different words.