### ESSAY GRADING RUBRIC

**INTRODUCTION**
- Is your introduction related to your topic?
- Did you include a thesis statement?
- Did you briefly introduce 3 supporting ideas?

**BODY**
- Do you have 3 paragraphs in the body?
- Does each paragraph stick to 1 topic?
- Is the topic supported with enough details?

**CONCLUSION**
- Does the conclusion restate the thesis?
- Is there more than 1 sentence?

**TRANSITIONS**
- Did you use transitions words or phrases?

**FORMAT**
- Is it neatly typed or handwritten?
- Are the paragraphs clearly marked (indent or space)
- Are there margins?
- Are words hyphenated correctly at end of line?

**SPELLING**
- Are all words spelled correctly?

**CAPITALIZATION AND PUNCTUATION**
- Are there no fragments or run-ons?
- Did you use commas or semi-colons correctly?
- Did you use correct capitalization?
- Did you use all other punctuation correctly?

**GRAMMAR AND WORD USAGE**
- Did you make any grammar mistakes?
- Did you use the correct words and word forms?

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