

## **Final Draft Five Paragraph Essay Checklist**

Check off each item on the list as you complete it.

Final Draft Due Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Is Your Final Draft...**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Typed OR written in your nicest, neatest handwriting?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Labeled with your name and date?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Does it have a title?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Double-spaced (skipped lines)?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Indented for each new paragraph?

### **Introduction Paragraph...**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Does the introduction have 4-6 sentences?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Does it tell who your hero is in the first sentence?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Does it explain in 2-3 sentences who that person is (what he/she does for a living, what he/she looks like, etc...)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Is the last sentence a three part thesis (one sentence with three reasons why that person is your hero)?

### **3 Detail Paragraphs...**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Does each detail paragraph address one of the three reasons stated in the thesis?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Is each detail paragraph 4-6 sentences long?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Does each detail paragraph provide specific examples?

### **Conclusion...**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Is the conclusion 4-6 sentences?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Does it restate the thesis?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Does it summarize the main ideas in your essay?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Does your conclusion tie up all the loose ends?

### **Remember, the six traits of writing are...**

- Conventions: spelling, mechanics, punctuation, capitalization, etc...
- Ideas/Content: use of details, creativity, did you stay on topic
- Voice: personality evident in the writing, appropriate tone
- Sentence fluency: complete sentences, no run-ons or fragments
- Organization: do you follow your thesis, five paragraph essay structure
- Word choice: descriptive, interesting vocabulary; avoid generic words

## Five Paragraph Essay Grade Scale

### Is the Final Draft...

- \_\_\_\_\_ Typed OR written in the student's nicest, neatest handwriting?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Labeled with the student's name and heading?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Does it have a title?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Did the student skip lines?

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### Introduction Paragraph...

- \_\_\_\_\_ Does the introduction have 4-6 sentences?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Does it tell who the student's hero is?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Does it explain in 2-3 sentences who that person is (what he/she does for a living, what he/she looks like, etc...)

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### Thesis Statement...

- \_\_\_\_\_ Is the last sentence of the introduction a three-pronged thesis (one sentence with three reasons why that person is your hero)?

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### 3 Detail Paragraphs...

- \_\_\_\_\_ Does each detail paragraph address one of the three reasons stated in the thesis?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Does each detail paragraph provide specific, supporting examples?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Is each detail paragraph 4-6 sentences long?

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### Conclusion...

- \_\_\_\_\_ Is the conclusion 4-6 sentences?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Does it restate the thesis?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Does it summarize the main ideas in your essay?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Does your conclusion tie up all the loose ends?

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**Total \_\_\_\_\_ / 50**