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A WRITING GUIDE AND ASSESSMENT RUBRIC FOR STRUCTURING A PERFECT ESSAY

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Place a star (*) on each line adjacent to each item that's adequately represented. Double lines get two stars.

Planning Sheet:

___ ___ This planning sheet contains **at least 3** numbered points written in complete sentences.

Introductory Paragraph:

___ This paragraph begins with an interesting opening statement (hook), indicating the subject of the essay.

___ This paragraph contains the 3 points (not explanations) from the planning sheet.

___ This paragraph contains at least 4 to 6 clear, well-written sentences with varied structures.

___ This paragraph maintains its focus and stays on the topic.

___ ___ This paragraph contains at least two properly used, high-level vocabulary terms.

Suggestions for the writer:

First supporting paragraph:

___ This paragraph begins with a clear and appropriate transition word or phrase.

___ This paragraph contains the 1st point listed in the introduction.

___ The 1st point is explained and an illustrated example is given.

___ This paragraph contains at least 7 to 10 clear, well-written sentences with varied structures.

___ This paragraph maintains its focus and stays on the topic.

___ ___ This paragraph contains at least two properly used, high-level vocabulary terms.

Suggestions for the writer:

Second supporting paragraph:

- ___ This paragraph begins with a clear and appropriate transition word or phrase.
- ___ This paragraph contains the 2nd point listed in the introduction.
- ___ The 2nd point is explained and an illustrated example is given.
- ___ This paragraph contains at least 7 to 10 clear, well-written sentences with varied structures.
- ___ This paragraph maintains its focus and stays on the topic.
- ___ ___ This paragraph contains at least two properly used, high-level vocabulary terms.

Suggestions for the writer:

Third supporting paragraph:

- ___ This paragraph begins with a clear and appropriate transition word or phrase.
- ___ This paragraph contains the 3rd point listed in the introduction.
- ___ The 3rd point is explained and an illustrated example is given.
- ___ This paragraph contains at least 7 to 10 clear, well-written sentences with varied structures.
- ___ This paragraph maintains its focus and stays on the topic.
- ___ ___ This paragraph contains at least two properly used, high-level vocabulary terms.

Suggestions for the writer:

Concluding paragraph:

- ___ This paragraph begins with a clear and appropriate transition word or phrase.
- ___ This paragraph is a paraphrased restatement of the introduction.
- ___ This paragraph maintains its focus and stays on topic (no new information).
- ___ This paragraph contains at least 4 to 6 clear, well-written sentences with varied structures.
- ___ This paragraph contains a summary statement (clincher) that ends the essay appropriately.
- ___ ___ This paragraph contains at least two properly used, high-level vocabulary terms.

Suggestions for the writer:

Grading instructions: Add all stars together and divide the sum by 6. _____ / 6 = _____

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