

## ENG4U – ISU Essay Checklist

Essay Written By: \_\_\_\_\_

Essay Edited By: \_\_\_\_\_

Please read through the essay, making either a check mark or 'X' under the following boxes. There is space for written comments on the back of this sheet.

### *Introduction Paragraph*

Hook – a general introduction to your topic; quotation, question, fact are all possible	
Expansion – move to connect your general hook to your topic; introduce concepts	
Preview Argument Points – be brief in your preview of your argument points	
Thesis – specific and arguable, explains the “how” and “why” significance	

### *Argument Paragraph #1*

Topic Sentence specific, arguable, refers back to thesis and “how” is explained	
Expansion – <b>why this is significant to your topic</b> ; a chance to expand on your topic sentence	
Proof #1 properly set in context and introduction flows into quotation	
Analysis of proof significant and specific (how does it prove your T.S.)	
Proof #2 properly set in context and introduction flows into quotation	
Analysis of proof significant and specific (how does it prove your T.S.)	
Concluding sentence wraps up your point	

### *Argument Paragraph #2*

Topic Sentence specific, arguable, refers back to thesis and “how” is explained	
Expansion – <b>why this is significant to your topic</b> ; a chance to expand on your topic sentence	
Proof #1 properly set in context and introduction flows into quotation	
Analysis of proof significant and specific (how does it prove your T.S.)	
Proof #2 properly set in context and introduction flows into quotation	
Analysis of proof significant and specific (how does it prove your T.S.)	
Concluding sentence wraps up your point	

### *Argument Paragraph #3*

Topic Sentence specific, arguable, refers back to thesis and “how” is explained	
Expansion – <b>why this is significant to your topic</b> ; a chance to expand on your topic sentence	
Proof #1 properly set in context and introduction flows into quotation	
Analysis of proof significant and specific (how does it prove your T.S.)	
Proof #2 properly set in context and introduction flows into quotation	
Analysis of proof significant and specific (how does it prove your T.S.)	
Concluding sentence wraps up your point	

Repeat for any additional Argument Paragraphs

*Concluding Paragraph*

Thesis reworded and restated	
Topic Sentences briefly reworded and restated	
Expansion - Tie together any general thoughts from your paper	
Concluding Sentence – end generally (similar to opening sentence of intro); quotation, interesting fact, statistics, questions are all possibilities.	

Is the essay written in present tense throughout?

  

Does the essay address the “so what?” or “why is your argument significant?”

**Comments**

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What were the strengths of this paper?

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What are some questions you had (things that were unclear)?

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What were some things that need improvement (be specific!)?

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What grade would you give this paper? (Be honest!) \_\_\_\_\_