

## Letter Essay #1 Checklist

- \_\_\_ Commented on all 6 areas?
- \_\_\_ Referred to the novel not 'book'
- \_\_\_ Underlined the novel's title
- \_\_\_ Used the language of literature
- \_\_\_ Used specific examples and quotes as support. VERY IMPORTANT!!!
- \_\_\_ Evaluated – what's positive and what's negative
- \_\_\_ Organized the paragraphs logically and with transitions

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B8 Explain and support personal responses with text	Little or no support for opinions.	Some support with vague references to the novel but no quotes or specific examples.	Clear support and references to the text. Would benefit from more.	Excellent supports and quotations which display the strengths and weaknesses clearly.
B9 Interpret and analyze and evaluate text	Plot summary not evaluation.	Reasons/evaluation vague and unsubstantiated. Explanations not related to the concept.	Explained clearly and with some sense of evaluation rather than re-telling. Would benefit from more evaluation with specific language.	Evaluations clear and explicitly stated with strong language.
B11 assess by referring to criteria and evaluating progress	Missing a great number of the criteria.	Missing 1 of the criteria	Criteria covered although some are better explained than others.	All criteria thoroughly and clearly exposed.
B12 explain how structures affect text using the	No evidence of the language of literature.	Spare references using the language of literature. Too much general terminology.	Although the language of literature is present, some sections would benefit from more.	Clearly explains using the language of literature

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C1 Write meaningful personal texts	No sense of voice or personal opinion Lacks organization. No transition words used to link paragraphs or ideas.	Voice is weak and exploration of opinions are superficial. Somewhat organized but would benefit from more transition words.	Establishes voice but seems forced/stereotypical Logically organized. Transitions used throughout.	A lively voice is established. Excellent organization and flow. Transitions are skillful and add to the text's flow.
C14 Mechanics	This is a rough draft in need of much editing	Run on sentences or comma splices are a problem. Needs some work on spelling.	Minor errors which do not impede reading/meaning.	Virtually flawless
C12 Experiment with style	Title is uninspired Overly simple sentence structure.	Attempt at creativity and interest but needs revision. Would benefit from more sentence variety.	Title is catchy but cliché. Writes with some flair using a variety of sentence structures.	Uses an original and catchy title. Write with flair and style.