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Grade: _____

Excellent Good Fair Needs Improvement

Thesis & Introduction

Is the **thesis/controlling idea** clearly stated, appropriate for the scope of the assignment, and a point worth making?

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Does the **introduction** provide enough background for the paper?

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Essay Focus

Is the **essay focussed** throughout - do all of the body paragraphs work to support and develop the controlling idea; are all of the body paragraphs relevant to the thesis?

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Development

Does the essay **fully address the assignment**? Does the writer draw on the book as well as the supplemental readings to support his/her points?

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Are the points (main & supporting) **fully developed**, with specific examples, illustrations, explanations, etc?

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Organization

Is the **essay organization** clear, logical, & effective? Does the writer move smoothly & logically from one paragraph to the next?

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Is the **paragraph organization** clear, logical, & effective? Does the writer move smoothly & logically from one point to the next within paragraphs?

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Conclusion

Does the essay have an effective **conclusion**?

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Sentence Fluency

Are the **sentences** fluid, well-focused, varied, and not choppy?

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Proofreading & Mechanics

Is the essay free of **proofreading & usage** errors?

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MLA Format

Sources are cited correctly and “Works Cited” page is formatted correctly.

