

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## Essay Checklist

Print out this checklist, and check off each item as you apply it to your essay. Then, bring this checklist to class with your paper and outline.

- Approved outline attached
- Modern Language Association (MLA) format: student's name, instructor's name, class, and date at top left (double spaced), title is centered, and header appears on each page (see sample essay on page 85 of *Adventures in Writing*)
- A creative title that tells your reader about your essay
- An introductory paragraph that concludes with a thesis statement (see Chapter 7 in *Adventures in Writing* for ideas for introduction)
- Several body paragraphs that develop the thesis statement and provide specific details in the form of examples, stories, and reflections.
- Transitions that introduce each new body paragraph and that are tied to the thesis statement (See Chapter 8 in *Adventures in Writing*)
- 5 sentence-combining options
- A concluding paragraph that begins with the thesis reworded and that avoids a summary (see Chapter 7 in *Adventures in Writing* for ideas for conclusion)
- 500-750 words
- 12 point Times New Roman font
- Double spaced
- Spell check
- Submitted to turnitin.com
- Saved document

Names of Readers:

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