Essay Development Handout Week 19

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Pre-writing

\_\_\_ Work through the Brainstorming handout on the website

\_\_\_ Outline your essay

I. Introduction

\_\_\_ Lead (refer to handout on “Creating Effective Leads” for ideas)

\_\_\_ Transition from your lead to your thesis statement with a transitional word or phrase and include title, author, short summary

\_\_\_ Thesis Statement

II. Body

\_\_\_ Topic Sentence for point 1

\_\_\_ Explanation with your sub points (minimum of 5 sentences)

\_\_\_ Supporting quote(s)

\_\_\_ Closing Statement relating to thesis

\_\_\_ Topic Sentence for point 2

\_\_\_ Explanation with your sub points (minimum of 5 sentences)

\_\_\_ Supporting quote(s)

\_\_\_ Closing Statement relating to thesis

\_\_\_ Topic Sentence for point 3

\_\_\_ Explanation with your sub points (minimum of 5 sentences)

\_\_\_ Supporting quote(s)

\_\_\_ Closing Statement relating to thesis

III. Conclusion

\_\_\_ Restate thesis in general way

\_\_\_ Transition from the specific to general using a transitional word

\_\_\_ End Statement should connect to your lead using ideas or words from your lead

Mechanics

­­­\_\_\_ Is my grammar correct?

\_\_\_ Have I used punctuation properly?

\_\_\_ Is my writing clear?

\_\_\_Have I included the page numbers in parentheses following quotations? Ex.: (67).

Ask an adult to read your essay and give you feed back, looking especially for awkward wording or unclear points.