Essay Self-Assessment Checklist

**Structure: Does my essay have…**

* An introduction
* 3-4 body paragraphs
* A conclusion
* Are they arranged in clear paragraph breaks, without any headings?

Introduction: does my intro paragraph…

* Start with some background e.g. general comments about the theme, author, story, history
* Briefly outlines my 3 main points

Body paragraphs: do each of my main body paragraphs…

* Contain one main point about the topic
* Give a specific example from the story
* Say what this means or what the author’s point is

Conclusion: does my conclusion….

* Re-state my 3 main points
* Finish with a lesson for us, a take-away message, an insight about the author or the story, or suggested future action

Vocabulary & Language: have I…

* Used key words from the question throughout
* Used academic language with no slang or contractions
* Consistently used 3rd person point of view (NO “I, me, my…”)
* Used linking words or phrases to connect paragraphs (e.g. additionally, further to this, consequently, however…)

Grammar: have I…

* Proofread my essay carefully to make sure there are no errors in punctuation, spelling, capitalisation
* Used correctly formatted quotes with quotation marks & page numbers