

Lord of the Flies Paper Prompt:

The novel Lord of the Flies poses interesting questions: How is a civilization created? Are people controlled by society or is society controlled by people? Utilizing the text, write a persuasive paper convincing your reader of your opinion.

***You may use the writing guide for persuasive papers listed below.

Be sure not to use first person pronouns.

Add in transitional phrases to ensure that your paper flows.
In each body paragraph you must have at least two examples.***

You will be graded using the rubric included.

Guide to Writing Persuasive Papers:

Introduction

Creative Opening (catch my attention; start with a quote or statistic or interesting fact or statement).

Explanation/Sentence 1 (mention your topic)

Explanation/Sentence 2 (explain the other side)

Explanation/Sentence 3 (explain your side)

Thesis Statement (main idea of your paper/your belief and three reasons why)

Body

Paragraph 1:

Topic Sentence (reason one from your thesis)

Example (from text):

A series of horizontal lines with a large, messy red scribble drawn across them, consisting of various loops and lines.

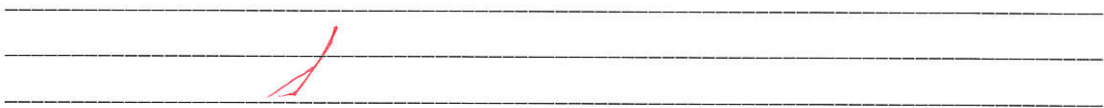
Explanation (relate your example back to your thesis):

A series of horizontal lines with a small red scribble in the middle, consisting of a few overlapping lines.

Example (from text):

Three horizontal lines.

Explanation (relate your example back to your thesis):

A series of horizontal lines with a small red scribble in the middle, consisting of a few overlapping lines.

Closure:

Two horizontal lines.

Paragraph 2:

Topic Sentence (reason two from your thesis)

Three horizontal lines.

Example (from text):

Three horizontal lines.

Explanation (relate your example back to your thesis):

A single horizontal line.

Example (from text):

Explanation (relate your example back to your thesis):

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Closure:

Paragraph 3:

Topic Sentence (reason three from your thesis)

Example (from text):

Explanation (relate your example back to your thesis):

Example (from text):

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*Check marks indicate areas where problems occurred.

Focus (5) _____

_____ vague controlling voice

_____ insufficient evidence of topic

_____ off-topic/lacks awareness of specifics of prompt

Content (15) _____

_____ superficial and or/minimal content

_____ lacks sufficient development of ideas/points

_____ insufficient use of textual support

_____ missing quotes or superficial quotes

_____ quotes are not properly used or clarified

_____ thesis is not stated clearly or concisely; needs to be stronger

_____ introduction needs to be further developed

_____ content does not support the thesis

_____ conclusion does not synthesize main ideas

Organization (10) _____

_____ the paper does not have an introduction, body, or conclusion

_____ there are no transitions linking paragraphs

_____ there are no transitions linking ideas within paragraphs

_____ paper does not follow order of ideas presented in the thesis

Style (10) _____

_____ the paper contains second person pronouns ("you")

_____ paper does not have a consistent verb tense

_____ sentence structure needs varied

_____ word choices and phrases are used repetitively

_____ paper contains awkwardly or unclearly worded sentences

Conventions (5) _____

_____ spelling errors (3-more)

_____ run-on sentences

_____ sentence fragments

_____ faulty subject/verb agreement

_____ comma usage problems

Paper Format (5)

_____ no title or title is not typed correctly

_____ absence of page numbers and/or name on page

_____ not double spaced

_____ font size and/or type is incorrect

Total Possible: 50

Total Earned: _____