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MLA Format

- 3 Essay follows proper MLA procedure
- 0 Essay does not follow proper MLA procedure

Focus – Introductory Paragraph

- 5 Essay correctly addresses question(s) from prompt with focus on essay to follow
- 4 Essay addresses part of prompt(s), but lacks specific focus on direction of essay
- 3 Essay addresses part of prompt(s), but digresses from topic
- 2 Essay briefly mentions prompt(s), but paper has no apparent focus

Organization

- 5 Essay has a title, transitions, and is organized and easy to read
- 4 Essay contains transitions and is mostly organized and easy to read
- 3 Essay lacks transitions, making it difficult to follow
- 2 Essay lacks a clear beginning, middle, and end, making it difficult to follow

Ideas – Body of Essay

- 5 The topic, focus, and details make this a memorable essay
- 4 The essay is informative with a clear focus and details
- 3 The essay focus is not always clear and paper needs more details/examples
- 2 The topic is too broad and needs narrowing, or too narrow and needs expanding

Word Choice

- 5 Word choice is clear, informative, and easy to read
- 4 Word choice is clear most of the time, but has confusing areas to improve
- 3 Word choice needs enhancement to make essay clearer and easier to read
- 2 Word choice lacks relevance or descriptors

Sentence Fluency

- 5 Sentences flow smoothly and are easy to read
- 4 Sentences read well, but need more variety
- 3 Sentences flow well for most of the essay, but need work in some areas
- 2 Sentences, for the most part, are short and choppy or run-ons; need a better variety

Grammar

- 5 Punctuation, grammar, and spelling are mostly correct (0-3 errors)
- 4 Punctuation, grammar, and spelling errors occur, but do not take away from the reading (4-6 errors)
- 3 Punctuation, grammar, and spelling errors interrupt reading (7-10 errors)
- 2 Punctuation, grammar, and spelling errors greatly reduce readability of essay (10-20 errors)

Conclusion

- 3 Conclusion is precise, to the point, and reiterates topic of paper
- 0 Conclusion is weak, lacks precision, or does not exist

Total points possible: _____ / 36