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WRITER’S CHECKLIST: ARGUMENTATIVE

Be sure to:

• Introduce your claim.
• Support your claim with logical reasoning and relevant evidence, including facts and details, from the passages.
• Acknowledge and address alternate or opposing claims.
• Organize the reasons and evidence logically.
• Identify the passages by title or number when using details or facts directly from the passages.
• Develop your ideas clearly and use your own words, except when quoting directly from the passages.
• Use appropriate and varied transitions to connect your ideas and to clarify the relationships among claims, counterclaims, reasons, and evidence.
• Use clear language and vocabulary.
• Establish and maintain a formal style.
• Provide a conclusion that supports the argument presented.
• Check your work for correct usage, grammar, spelling, capitalization, and punctuation.
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WRITER’S CHECKLIST: INFORMATIONAL/EXPLANATORY

Be sure to:

• Introduce the topic clearly, provide a focus, and organize information in a way that makes sense.
• Use information from the two passages so that your essay includes important details.
• Develop the topic with facts, definitions, details, quotations, or other information and examples related to the topic.
• Identify the passages by title or number when using details or facts directly from the passages.
• Develop your ideas clearly and use your own words, except when quoting directly from the passages.
• Use appropriate and varied transitions to connect ideas and to clarify the relationship among ideas and concepts.
• Use clear language and vocabulary.
• Establish and maintain a formal style.
• Provide a conclusion that supports the information presented.
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**WRITER’S CHECKLIST: NARRATIVE**

**Be sure to:**

- Write a narrative response that develops a real or imagined experience.
- Include a problem, situation, or observation and its significance.
- Establish one or more points of view.
- Introduce a narrator and/or characters.
- Organize events so that they progress smoothly.
  - Use a variety of techniques consistently to sequence the events to build toward a particular tone and outcome.
- Use dialogue, description, pacing, reflection, and/or multiple plot lines to:
  - develop events.
  - develop characters.
  - develop experiences.
- Use precise words and phrases, telling details, and sensory language to create a vivid picture of the events, setting, and/or characters.
- Include a conclusion that reflects on what has been resolved, experienced, or observed in your narrative.
- Use ideas and/or details from the passage(s) to inform your narrative.
- Check your work for correct usage, grammar, spelling, capitalization, and punctuation.