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SCORE: ____ / 100

Grading Rubric- The Causal Argument

I. **Introduction :** ____/20

- A. Did the writer open with a general statement about topic? Was it appropriate for the paper ____/5
- B. What the last sentence a thesis statement introducing the 3 common expectations? ____/10
- C. Are there at least 5 sentences in the intro? ____/5

II. **Body:** ____50

- A. Are there at least 8-10 sentences in each body paragraph? ____/10
- B. Did the writer address each cause? ____/20
- C. In addition to just “telling”, did the writer include ____/20
Specific details to support the claim? Did the writer include outside info (sandwich) ? (final draft only)

III. **Conclusion:** ____/10

- A. Has the writer succinctly closed his/her essay, or does it seem as if you have been left needing more? ____/5
- B. Has the writer restated the thesis? (last sentence in the essay) ____/5
Did the writer include a recommendation?

IV. **Housekeeping** ____/20

- A. Is this piece of writing the required length?
- B. Did the writer title the work? Did the title fit the story?
- C. Are grammar and spelling correct? (Make sure that you note errors on the composition)
- D. Are sentences and paragraphs punctuated correctly? (Make sure that you note errors on the composition.)
- E. **Is the essay formatted correctly? MLA (____/10)**