

## HL Essay Checklist BEFORE submitting on turnitin.com

Yes	No	Sort of	Bare Minimums
			<b>Intro Paragraph</b>
			Writer includes an effective attention grabber that connects the overall idea/theme of the thesis statement.
			Writer includes the title(s) and author(s) of the focus text(s).
			Writer incorporated background and contextual information necessary for a reader to understand the thesis.
			Thesis is a clear position statement/clear response to line of inquiry.
			Introduction gives an organized idea of what the author is going to talk about.
			<b>Body Paragraphs</b>
			Each body paragraph begins with a topic sentence that connects and/or supports the thesis statement. (topic sentence should be a claim/make a point)
			Each body paragraph contains textual evidence that supports the claims made. MLA format
			Writer's analysis is at least twice the length of the textual evidence.
			Each body paragraph ends with a <b>transition or a concluding sentence</b> that smoothly connects the ideas of the previous paragraph to the next. (see powerpoint slides/materials for this week)
			<b>Conclusion</b>
			Conclusion synthesizes main ideas without repeating the information word for word.
			Conclusion connects the thesis to a greater idea beyond the text.
			<b>Other</b>
			Title page has all requirements (should be the first page of the essay doc.)
			Essay is 1200-1500 words
			Works cited is included and accurate in MLA format