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L101 Essay Checklist First Essay Final Version—Paper 2

PRINT, check-off, and staple to the front of your paper

Check off each of the steps you have taken. Papers which do not fulfill all items will receive a grade of 0%

- I have STAPLED this checklist to the front of my paper, and checked off each of the items I have fulfilled
- I have read this entire checklist, understand each of its components, and understand that violation of any of these items will result in an essay grade of 0%
- My name does not appear anywhere on my paper except for on this checklist
- My paper has a title
- My paper is written in polished, formal prose, without typos
- My paper is double-spaced, in a 12-point font, and is 2-3 pages long
- I have a clearly defined argument—thesis statement—as one of the first three sentences of my paper
- Each of my body paragraphs clearly support my thesis
- I have quotations with accurate citations: book.line number in parenthesis
  - for example: “I wish my stomach would let me / cut off your flesh in strips and eat it raw.” (*Iliad* 22.384-385)
- Each of my quotations clearly supports my thesis
- All of my adverbs (words ending in -ly / “very”) are absolutely necessary
- I haven’t unnecessarily summarized bits of the plot
- The titles of major works are in *italics*
- I have typed the words “Moar Skittles” on the last page of my essay
- I have not referred to page or line numbers within my prose
  - for example, do **not** say “In lines 220-224, Hector shows his love for his wife”
- I have not said “I think” “I believe” “I feel” anywhere in my paper
- None of my sentences begin “It is/It’s,” “There is/There’s,” or “There are”
- I have written in formal, polished prose, and have avoided colloquial (chatty, conversational) writing