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**MLA Formatting –** 3 points each

* Heading and title
* Proper page numbering, spacing, font
* 3-4 pages in length

**Citations (internal and works cited page)**

* In text-citation (MLA format) used appropriately (5 pts)
* Works cited included/formatted properly (5 pts)
* 3 sources, minimum (3pts)

**Introduction**

* Attention grabber engages the reader (5 pts)
* Appropriate background information informs the reader (5 pts)

-if it is an effects essay, causes are included in the background information

* Thesis uses language that shows whether the focus is cause or effect (3pts)
* Thesis sentence indicates what relationship the paper will be trying to establish between cause and effect and why. (3pts)

**Organization**

* Transition words (3pts)
* Topic sentences (3pts)
* Clinching sentences (3pts)
* Evidence clearly introduced, explained, and cited (5 pts)
* Ideas progress logically from one paragraph to another (5 pts)

**Content**

* Evidence properly supports the topic/purpose of the paper (5 pts)
* Analysis, elaboration, and explanation of the evidence is present and clearly supports the thesis (10 pts)
* Analysis, elaboration, and explanation of the evidence engages reader by making predictions, providing alternative ways of thought (if…then…) ,etc… (5 pts)

**Conclusion**

* The conclusion restates the thesis first (3pts)
* The conclusion reviews the content of the paper (5 pts)

- If this is a causes essay, then effects must be included in the conclusion

* Ending sentence helps the reader feel engaged and/or suggests action (5 pts)

**Writing style and grammar**

* Word choice, sentence structure, and voice are all grade level appropriate (5 pts)
* Proper spelling, grammar/usage present (5 pts)