

Figure VC4.4 Video Case 4—Worksheet—Essay Checklist (Used by the Teachers in the Video)

Category	Comments
Ideas <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Does the author clearly answer the essay question? Is the information presented in the essay accurate? Is sufficient, detailed information presented? 	
Introduction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Is there a strong hook/historical background info? Is there a clear thesis statement? 	
Body Paragraphs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Does each paragraph have a topic sentence? Is sufficient evidence presented? Is evidence clearly explained with details? Does the author present analysis that shows how evidence proves the thesis? 	
Conclusion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Does the conclusion restate the thesis? Does the conclusion explain the importance or significance of the author's ideas? 	
Language and Style <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Are there smooth transitions between paragraphs? Does the author use clear language to explain ideas? Does the author avoid words such as <i>I</i> and <i>you</i> and informal language? 	
Grammar and Mechanics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Does the essay use correct spelling? Does the essay use proper capitalization? Does the essay use proper punctuation? 	