**Explanatory Self-Check & Peer Evaluation**

**Intro:**

* Does the paragraph engage the reader from the start?
* Is the thesis narrow enough to explore in detail in 3 -4 pages?
* Is the thesis the last sentence in the first paragraph? Yes/ No
* Number the three main points of the thesis.

**Body:** Overall:

* Is there any I, you or we anywhere in the paper?
* In the margins, list the main point of thesis at its starting point.

**For each main point** circle:

* 1 expert
* 2 quotations: Are these in “ “
* 2 statistics. Are they relevant and add to understanding of topic. Is the study named?
* Is there any information that could be explained in more detail?

**Main Ideas:**

* Does each paragraph have just one main idea?
* Are quotes / statistics included in each paragraph?
* Does each paragraph have at least one source?
* \*\*\*\*\* MAKE SURE EACH PARAGRAPH ENDS WITH AUTHOR’S OWN WORDS—NOT A QUOTE.

**Sources:**

* Are three sources (at least) used throughout the text of the paper?
* Are the sources introduced? Appropriate alternatives for “said”?
* Are studies named?
* Are sources’ credentials included?
* Are page #’s included when given?

**Conclusion:**

* Does the conclusion tie back to the thesis?
* Does the conclusion leave the reader with something new to ponder?

**Works Cited:**

* Does the Work Cited page list the different sources by alphabetical order?
* Is all the relevant information given?

**MLA Formatting:**

* Are all margins 1 inch?
* Are all pages marked with author’s last name & page # in upper right corner?
* 12 point font & Times Roman font used?