Argumentative Essay Checklist
for the *HiSET* ® Writing Test

Topic of Essay: _____

Student Name: _____

✓ **First Paragraph:**

	Question:	A **question** was asked to introduce the topic and get the reader's attention. **Have you ever thought about _____ ?** A question mark was used at the end.
	Does	The **debate** was identified. **There is debate over whether or not _____ .**
	Sam	One **side** was clearly chosen. **I believe _____ .**

✓ **Second Paragraph:**

	Remember	A **reason** was given to tell why you chose this side.. This included a supporting quote from the stimulus essay and your own reason. **Since "_____ ," this shows that _____ .** quote your reason Direct quotes from the stimulus essay are inside **quotation marks.** The comma is also inside the quotation marks.
	the **E**ssay	A personal **experience** was given to support the choice. **In my own life, _____ .**

✓ **Third Paragraph:**

	Organization	An argument against the **other side** was given. **Some people say that "_____ ;" however, I argue that _____ .** quote your own words Direct quotes from the stimulus essay and the semi-colon are inside **quotation marks.**
	Code?	A **conclusion** that restates the choice was given. **In conclusion, _____ .**

✓ **More Writing Rules:**

	All sentences were **complete** with a subject and verb. There were no sentence fragments.
	The first word in each sentence was **capitalized.**
	Sentences had **periods** or **question marks** at the end.

☐ Good job! ☐ Not there yet

Comments: _____

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