

Essay Rubric	Name _____
0 1 2 3 4 5 Conventions (spelling, grammar, punctuation)	
Introduction Paragraph 0 1 2 3 4 5 Interesting Hook 0 1 2 3 4 5 Explanation of what you are discussing (Important background information) 0 1 2 3 4 5 Thesis with your 3 points/reasons	
Body Paragraph 1 0 1 2 3 4 5 Topic sentence for first reason 0 1 2 3 4 5 Detail 1 - Specific, well-explained 0 1 2 3 4 5 Detail 2 - Specific, well-explained 0 1 2 3 4 5 Detail 3 - Specific, well-explained 0 1 2 Correct, matching quote 0 1 2 3 Conclusion sentence	
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March Independent Reading

Due _____

This month you will read a book of your choice that you have not yet read. When you finish the book, you will—

1. Take the AR Test on the book.
2. Type 1-2 pages (size 11 or 12 font, Calibri or Times New Roman) describing the theme of your book and how the author shows the theme through the characters, events, and/or setting of the book. You should have at least 5 paragraphs.

Here are some examples of the types of thesis statements you could use for your essay:

- In the book Holes, Lois Sachar uses his characters of Elya Yelnats, Stanley Yelnats, and Zero to show that challenges can help you grow.
- The book Tuck Everlasting demonstrates that living forever can be terrible through the experiences of Ma and Pa Tuck, Miles, and Jesse.
- The author of My Brother Sam is Dead proves that war can be confusing, deadly, and life-changing.
- Three main events in The Giver that demonstrate the importance of both good and bad experiences are the game of war, the release of the twin, and the community's plan for Gabriel.

(If you are struggling with writing your thesis statement, come see me.)

3. The maximum score will be 105%. Although you must do your OWN typing, please proofread your work with an adult when you are all done. Check over the rubric to make sure you completed ALL the requirements.