

Definition Essay Checklist

- ✓ Does the introduction introduce the term or principle being applied?
- ✓ Does the essay begin with a working definition and then develop an extended definition?
- ✓ Does the extended definition reflect both the denotations and connotations of the term defined?
- ✓ Are the supporting details and examples clear and specific? If you find any that are too general or too abstract, suggest a way to clarify or sharpen them.

- ✓ Are sources academic and cited correctly?
- ✓ Are the supporting paragraphs effectively arranged in an appropriate order? Explain.
- ✓ In your judgment, what is the best part of the essay? Explain.

- ✓ Which detail or example would be even better if it were expanded? Why?

- ✓ Do the topic sentences support the thesis?
- ✓ Again, are citations correct?
- ✓ Is the paper in correct MLA format?