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| Formal Formatting | The paper follows the MLA format: double spaced, Times New Roman font, 12-pt. font, correct in-text citations, and the correct heading. Length: 2-3 pages. Formal writing: there are no contractions or slang words. Personal pronouns are used only in the introduction and conclusion paragraphs.  | The paper has 1-2 errors in formality. | The paper has 3-4 errors in formality. | The paper has 5+ errors in formality. |  |
| Grammar, Spelling, and Punctuation | There are 0-2 errors. | There are 3-4 errors. | There are 5-6 errors. | There are 7+ errors. |  |
| Introduction | The introduction provides an (1) effective attention getter in the form of an (2) anecdote. The anecdote is (3) personal and shows a (4) clear illustration of the meaning or the contradictory meaning of the word. The thesis statement clearly (5) defines the term and includes (6) an essay map. | The introduction is missing 1-2 components.  | The introduction is missing 3-4 components. | The introduction is missing 5+ components. |  |
| Body | The first body paragraph provides an (1) etymology of the word, including (2) root words, (3) place and (4) date of origin, and its (5) evolution over time. There are 2+ body paragraphs which each have a (6) part of the definition with an (7) example to illustrate the point and an (8) analysis of how the example illustrates the point. | The body is missing 1-3 components. | The body is missing 4-5 components. | The body is missing 6+ components. |  |
| Conclusion | The conclusion (1) reviews your definition’s main points and ends with a (2) closing attention getter that either (3) references your introduction or explains how the definition has affected you. The conclusion does not (4) simply restate your previous points. | The conclusion is missing 1 component. | The conclusion is missing 2 components. | The conclusion is missing 3+ components. |  |
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