**PERSUASIVE ESSAY CHECKLIST:**

* **Do I start my essay with an anecdote, specific interesting fact or thought provoking question that grabs the reader’s attention?**
* **Do I have a strong thesis-claim?**
* **Do I begin each (reason) paragraph with a topic sentence followed by at least two specific examples-pieces of evidence that support the reason?**
* **Did I save my best reason and examples for last (paragraph 4)?**
* **Is each paragraph at least five sentences long?**
* **Does my ending leave the reader with an interesting picture, idea, question—something to think about? Is it specific and use picture painting language?**
* **Do I use a variety of second person and first person narrative?**
* **Is it clear that I have used research from at least three sources? Did I include information from these resources in my essay?**
* **Did I include at least one expert quote to support my claim?**
* **Does my essay demonstrate my passion for the issue and reflect my best effort?**
* **Did I carefully proofread my work in order to avoid careless errors?**