## Personal Essay Rubric -

Introduction:      begins with an attention-grabbing statement     contains a brief overview of the topic chosen.     contains a "hook" for the reader.	<b>/20</b> /5 /10 /5
Thesis statement:  one clear, concise sentence which sums up the theme of the essay.	/10
Body paragraphs: <ul> <li>each paragraph begins with a sentence that clearly indicates the topic</li> <li>each paragraph contains subtext, and a logical progression of ideas.</li> <li>each paragraph builds on the previous one.</li> </ul>	/60 /5 /10 /5
Conclusion:              first sentence restates the main idea of the paper.             contains a broad overview of the idea of the paper.             ends with a thought-provoking statement	<b>/20</b> /5 /10 /5
Good use of transitions to connect ideas	/10
Essay contains no more than five grammatical/mechanical errors	/10
Essay is typed using standard MLA formatting	/ 5
Essay is turned in on time and has a clean rubric attached to it.	/15
Total	/150