**Thematic Essay Checklist: Did you…**

 PLAN

Include the focused free-write and any other homework’s to show evidence of planning?

Revise and edit your piece thoroughly? Drafts are attached with evidence of your revisions and edits.

Include goal-setting tips to guide your various steps?

ARGUE

Use several pieces of text evidence in the form of important quotations?

Avoid using excessive plot summary and instead focused on relevant evidence?

CONCLUDE

Explain why the text evidence is important?

Explain how the specific quotations prove the thesis is true?

BE PRECISE

Use the present tense? ( Literature is done in present tense as if the story is still happening).

Read your work back aloud to yourself to hear if your essay makes sense?

Use clear and specific words instead of vague words like “good, bad, nice, sweet” ?

COMMUNICATE

Use transitional words and phrases to connect information

Organize your essay into coherent paragraphs