**Wuthering Heights**

**Essay Assignment**

You are to write a 1000-1500 word essay on a topic of your choosing. After you have chosen a topic, write your own thesis statement following the instructions given in the document ‘creating your thesis statement’ which is posted on Weebly. Have your teacher approve your thesis statement.

Read and follow the advice in the ‘Essay Evaluation Criteria ‘ document and the ‘Wuthering Heights rubric ‘ carefully.

Attach a copy of both the ‘Essay Evaluation Critera’ and the ‘*Wuthering Heights* rubric’ to your essay.

Due: 22/23 May, 2012

**Essay Evaluation Criteria**

\*please submit along with rubric for all essay assignments

**Introduction**

□ interesting “hook” (opening sentences)

□ question

□ clear **thesis statement** (one) consisting of at least 3 separate and supportable arguments

**Conclusion**

□ places topic within a wider perspective; offers a challenging insight or question e. g. effect of topic on reader, or why X is a good book.

**Paragraphs**

□ **topic** sentences

□ **transitions** between and within paragraphs

□ one point per paragraph

□ concluding sentence in each paragraph

□ support which is:

* relevant (on-topic)
* specific
* developed (3-5 quotes per paragraph)
* offers depth and originality

**Quotes**

□ 3-5 per paragraph

□ grammatically presented

* introduced in own words
* “woven” into your sentence
* no changes unless to clarify a pronoun
* no “that” before quote
* page in brackets

**Length of Paper**

□ appropriate [do a word count]. For Wuthering Heights 1000-1500 words.

**Clarity**

□ writing is clear and well organized at the sentence, paragraph and essay levels

**Diction**

□ clear

□ formal (avoidance of slang and personal references)

□ avoidance of cliché (overused phrases)

□ concise (avoidance of wordiness and repetition)

**Spelling**

□ accurate

**Punctuation**

□ avoidance of run-on sentences

□ avoidance of sentence fragments

□ commas

□ quotation marks

□ apostrophes

□ capitalization

**Grammar**

□ subject/verb agreement

□ verb tense consistency

□ consistent point of view

**MLA Format**

□ typed, 1.5 spacing, 12 pt., 1 inch margins, pages numbered at top right (1/2 inch from top)

□ no separate title page -> first page includes title (centred and bolded), as well as student name, course name, teacher name, and date submitted top left (see sample)

□ referencing (footnoting) which is correct and adequate

□ Works Cited

□ book titles underlined or bolded or italicised

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**Essay Evaluation**

**Style**

thesis 2

topic sentences 6

transitions 6

use of quotes 6

spelling, punctuation, clarity, etc. 10

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30 marks

**Content**

introduction (hook & question) 4

point 1 8

point 2 8

point 3 8

conclusion (thought-provoking) 2

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30 marks

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**Total 60 marks**