

Name _____ Title of Piece _____

Pet Peeves Checklist

Title

- A creative title that uses alliteration, rhyme, an expression, hyperbole, allusion, or a short (2-5 words) phrase.

Paragraphing

- Block format, with no indents.
- Variety in length of sentences and paragraphs.

Opening

- A clever or catchy opening that hooks the reader and prompts them to read on. The opening does NOT have to name your topic!

Main Idea/Supporting Reasons (at least three reasons)

- Your piece names your pet peeve within the first two or three paragraphs, and provides at least three reasons why it's annoying to you.

Examples (at least three)

- Each example is specific. If you fabricate an example (create one isn't true), you should start it with "Suppose..." or "How would you feel if..." This signals the reader that you're providing a fictional example.
- **Remember: examples could also be provided through bulleted lists or imaginary dialogues.**

Quotes/Experts (at least two)

- Be certain that exact words of experts are put in quotes.
- Provide the expert's credentials.
- Hyperlink to experts or sources within the essay.

Humor (at least two instances)

Literary Devices (at least three)

- Simile: a comparison using like, as, than, or of
- Hyperbole: obvious exaggeration
- Personification: inanimate object given traits of a person
- Allusion: reference to a book, movie, story, historical event, etc.
- Metaphor: comparison without using like, as, than, or of (Example: the green garden hose was a snake, waiting to trip me as I ran across the yard)
- Alliteration: repeated first sounds
- Rhyme: repeated sounds in final syllables
- Sarcasm: meaning the opposite of what is said
- Repetition: repeating a word or phrase to emphasize a point