Submission Notes: Position Essay Using Sources

1. Underline your thesis statement (1st ¶) and your topic statements (main idea in each ¶ excluding the conclusion).

2. Highlight any ideas or sentences that came from any source. This will help me to avoid concerns over plagiarism even if there are citation problems.

3. In the margin of your essay, identify the best paraphrase and the best summary that you’ve written.

4. Identify direct quotations with signal phrases at the beginning, middle, and end with a B, M, and E in the margin.

5. Describe the organization of your essay. How do you develop and prove your main point?

6. How did you push yourself in this essay? This can be an idea that really made your brain hurt or a writing skill that you focused on for this essay.

7. What was the most difficult research skill that you used for this essay? What aspect of the research do you wish we can covered more thoroughly?
8. Put a ☺ in the margin next to your best idea.

9. Put a ☆ in the margin next to your best written sentence.

10. What was the most difficult aspect of writing this essay for you? Given more time, on what part of the essay would you work?

11. Is there anything else that I should know about this essay before evaluating it?