***Sr.Storiy: Essay Writing Topic and Rubric***

***Argumentative Essay***

Using the topic listed below write an argumentative essay discussing your position on the issue. Your essay should have at least five paragraphs. Discuss your opinion or position stating 3 supporting ideas. Complete the checklist below to make sure you include all the important details in your essay.

**Question:**

**How did the Europeans make life easier or worse for the Native Americans when**

**they arrived?**

1. Identify your Thesis. (This is your argument. Choose a side).
2. Identify your 3 controlling ideas (i.e. you must have 3 reasons to support your argument).

**You must have:**

1. A proper introduction
2. Your body of your essay explaining your 3 controlling points.
3. An appropriate conclusion.

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**Writing Checklist**

I clearly state my position or argument in the introduction.

I begin with a lead/introduction that grabs the reader’s interests.

I support my position or argument with some of these: relevant information,

facts, expert opinions, statistics, quotes, and examples.

I tell the readers everything they need to know to make them understand my position.

I support and defend my position or argument in the body of the writing.

I use appropriate words that convince and state importance of the argument.

I end with a strong conclusion that is interesting and convincing.

I proofread my essay for grammar and spelling.

