

Student's Name: _____

“The Lady or the Tiger?” -- Essay Grading Rubric

Description	Pts. Possible	Pts. Earned
Introduction--	15	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appropriate and clear introduction style—question or direct quote • Complete plot summary to introduce the topic; includes title and author of the short story • Three supporting reasons listed in introduction—if necessary • Clear thesis statement at the end of the introduction 		
Body Paragraphs--	30	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three solid body paragraphs that address one supporting detail each • At least one direct quote in each of the body paragraphs • Details clearly support the thesis—persuasive ideas; written with specificity • Body paragraphs are concise and do not blend a variety of random or unrelated supporting details • Counter-argument present in at least TWO paragraphs • Closing sentence for each body paragraph 		
Conclusion--	10	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concluding paragraph completes the essay • Well-written • Strong closing idea 		
Traits of Good Writing--	25	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Entire essay is on topic • Persuasive tone is obvious to readers • Correct citation of direct quote in each body paragraph—must include page number from textbook • Transitional words or ideas <u>at the beginning</u> of each body paragraph • Transitional words or ideas <u>within</u> each body paragraph 		
General Grammar and Mechanics--	20	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uses only third person point of view—unless inside a direct quote (No <i>I, me, us, you, your,</i> etc.) • Variety of sentence lengths and types • No fragments, run-on sentences, and comma splices • Correct grammar/mechanics 		
Total Points Earned	100	

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