# Patriotism Essay Pre-grading Checklist

## Introduction:
- Attention Grabbing Beginning (Quote, Thought-provoking question…)
- Personal Definition of Patriotism
- Article Introduction(s) (Type of text, Title, Author, and Summary)
- Introduction of three main idea—ways to show patriotism
- Thesis Statement at the end
- Use of at least 2-3 transitional words

## Body Paragraph #1
- Topic Sentence for First Patriotic Idea with Transitional Element
- Follow-up to Topic Sentence
- Text Evidence Cited Correctly (Quotation Marks)
- Explanation of Text Evidence
- Specific Examples/Personal Experience/Explanation
- Closing Sentence
- Use of 2-3 transitional words

## Body Paragraph #2
- Topic Sentence for Second Patriotic Idea with Transitional Element
- Follow-up to Topic Sentence
- Text Evidence Cited Correctly (Quotation Marks)
- Explanation of Text Evidence
- Specific Examples/Personal Experience/Explanation
- Closing Sentence
- Use of 2-3 transitional words

## Body Paragraph #3
- Topic Sentence for Third Patriotic Idea with Transitional Element
- Follow-up to Topic Sentence
- Text Evidence Cited Correctly (Quotation Marks)
- Explanation of Text Evidence
- Specific Examples/Personal Experience/Explanation
- Closing Sentence
- Use of 2-3 transitional words

## Conclusion:
- Restated Thesis Statement
- General Statement/Quote about Patriotism
- Reminder of Patriotic Ideas
- Warning Sentence—What could happen if people stopped being patriotic?
- Closing/Final Thought