**My essay checklist**

**Introduction:**

* Is the main idea (your opinion on the question) stated clearly?
* Is the introductory paragraph interesting? Does it make the reader want to keep on reading?
* Is your introduction short and succinct (it shouldn’t ramble!)

**Main Paragraphs:**

* Does each main paragraph have a clear topic sentence that is related to the main idea of the essay?
* Does each main paragraph include specific information to support?
* Is there a clear plan for the order of the body paragraphs (i.e., order of importance, chronology, relative impact etc.?)
* Does each body paragraph transition smoothly to the next?

**Conclusion:**

* Is the main idea of the essay restated in different words?
* Are the supporting ideas summarised succinctly and clearly?
* Is the concluding paragraph interesting? Does it leave an impression on the reader? Has it given a clear idea of what you think the greatest impact was?

**Overall Essay:**

* Is any important material left unsaid?
* Is any material repetitious and unnecessary?
* Are there changes needed in word choice, sentence length and structure, etc.?
* Has the essay been proofread for spelling, punctuation, grammar, etc.?
* Has the essay made links between the factors
* Has the essay clearly shown the difference between short and long term factors and how important these are?