**ESSAY Dissection** Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

*Follow these steps to dissect your essay.*

1. Highlight your Thesis Statement. Is it clear and understandable? Does it give your essay purpose? Answer in the right margin.
2. Highlight the Topic Sentence of your first body paragraph. Does it support your thesis? Why or why not. Answer in the left margin.
3. Underline the “quoted text” in your first body paragraph. Have you created context BEFORE the quote? Have you provided analysis AFTER the quote? How or why not? Answer in the right margin.
4. Highlight the Closing Sentence in your first body paragraph. Does it relate back to your thesis and provide a “closing” for your paragraph? Or does it just explain the “quoted text”?
5. If you eliminated all of the writing in between, do the Topic Sentence and Closing Sentence flow together like a seamless idea? Answer in the left margin.
6. **Repeat steps 2-5 for each Body Paragraph.** Answer questions 2, 3, and 5 in the margin of your paper next to the coinciding paragraph.
7. In the conclusion, highlight your Thesis Reworded. Does it successfully re-WORD your thesis? Answer in the right margin.
8. Give yourself a legitimate grade on the 10-point scale. Write this grade AND justify this grade in writing at the end of your essay.