

Checklist for MCAS

- ❑ **Intro Paragraph like a Trailer:** Give a preview to the rest of your essay.
- ❑ **Structure:** Strong thesis, and topic sentences.
- ❑ **Strong Hook:** Give context and make your reader interested in your essay.
- ❑ **Substance:** Include context. Not every person reading your essay has read the book.
- ❑ **Identify the Character:** You need to be very clear. Include an appositive phrase to help. (EXAMPLE- Nick Carraway, a young man looking to succeed in the bond business, decides to ...)
- ❑ **Stay on Topic:** Give a lot of information, but remember to keep it *relevant* to the prompt and answers the question in full. Respond directly to the prompt.
- ❑ **Elevated Vocabulary:** Good is the enemy of great. Take your use of language a step further.
- ❑ **Organization, Flow:** You want the essay set up very strategically to convey your ideas in the best way possible.
- ❑ **Describe with Visual Imagery:** Describe setting, characters, and important details in full.