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Evaluator(s) _____

Environmental Racism Essay Checklist

Check the writer's introduction. Does she open with some interesting technique to orient the reader for what is to come? For example, she might begin her critique in a way that is both clear and grounded by introducing some interesting anecdote either from the reading or from her personal experience, or with a short introductory block quote. Does the writer define the term "environmental racism" in her introduction? Check to make sure that the introduction is **at least** two thirds of a page long.

Now move to the thesis statement. Analyze the thesis statement among the members of your group to determine if it makes a claim about environmental racism. Determine if it is worded too narrowly (mentions one topic) and does not contain a list of all the topics. Make sure it appears at the end of the introduction. **Remember, this is a critical element since an essay cannot pass without a thesis statement.**

Now look to the body paragraphs. Do they **all have topic sentences** supporting the thesis? Topic sentences need to be in the writer's own voice, breaking down and related to the thesis and not a quotation or in the form of a question. Are all the paragraphs developed (at least two thirds a page) with 2 or 3 items of support connecting different readings? Support should include quotations and/or paraphrased examples from the reading and statistics? Look at the end of the paragraphs. Does the writer return here to the topic sentence or thesis, explaining how the support establishes in some way her argument (E portion of PIE)?

Check to ascertain if the writer has complied with the requirements of the essay such as drawing in all six of the assigned readings for support. Did the writer include a minimum of 3 noun phrase appositives.?

Now look at the conclusion if there is one. Do you have any help to give the writer to make it more meaningful or to develop it more? A conclusion should not just repeat what has already been written in the form of a summary of points covered. Consider the larger impact that the issues you have discussed has on society in general. You can answer the question, So what?

Please be sure your essay is a minimum of 4 full pages. Anything under that will receive a 0 for the assignment, and we don't have time with this one to return and add to it. Also turn in your folders with your final draft, take home final, any assigned exercises and the check marks done from previous essay.