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Batman: The Killing Joke: Research Paper

Directions: Research different types of mental illnesses and the definition of insanity. Apply what you learn to the Joker, Batman, and Barbara Gordon. Write a scholarly paper that predicts the illnesses each character could be suffering from now or in the future.

Persuasive Rubric	4 Exceeding Standard	3 Meeting Standard	2 Approaching Standard	1 Not Meeting Standard	Self Assessment Grade yourself!	Teacher Score
Introduction	The claim is clearly written. Essay uses questions and/or a personal story to hook the reader.	The claim is clearly written.	The claim is not clearly written.	The claim is missing.		
Body	Essays includes 3 or more body paragraphs with works cited correctly.	Essay includes 3 or more body paragraphs.	Essay includes less than 3 body paragraphs	Essay includes no body paragraphs or paragraphs are unconnected to the claim.		
Conclusion	Summarizes all reasons given, restates the claim, and has a call to action.	Summarize all reasons given, restates the claim.	Conclusion restates the claim.	Conclusion fails to restate the claim.		
Structure	N/A	All paragraphs are at least 4 or more sentences long.	One or more paragraphs are less than 4 sentences long.	Essay is not written in paragraph form.		
Formatting	Correctly formatted introduction, body, conclusion, and works cited page. Appropriate formatting of quotations.	Mostly correct formatting of key elements.	Partly correct formatting of paper elements.	Little or no formatting of research paper elements.		
Spelling and Grammar	The essay has correct spelling, grammar, and punctuation. Less than 3 mistakes.	There are a few spelling, grammatical or punctuation errors, which slow the reader down and make it difficult to understand. 4-6 errors.	There are several spelling, grammatical or punctuation errors in the essay, which makes reading and understanding it challenging. 7-9 errors.	Essay has many spelling, grammar and punctuation errors, which make reading impossible/very frustrating. 9 or more errors.		