**Rubric Checklist for Essay 2: Descriptive (150 points or 15%)**

Word Count (min **900**) -15/100 words

**Intro: (hook, background, thesis)** 30pts

Hook

Background/Set Up

Transition & Thesis (specific, focused, detailed, previews paper & no

announcing

 **Body (Examples):** 30pts

Topic Sentences avoid facts, quotes, or questions

Avoid obvious facts and vague words

Reader Questions Anticipated & Explained

Sent Variation

Transitions

**4 Types of Description** 40pts

Avoids empty filler words (i.e. got, kind of, type of, sort of, seem like)

Active over Passive (He walks home vs He is walking home)

Metaphors & Similes (**min 3**, avoid hyperbole and cliché)

Descriptive Adjectives (avoids vague, abstract words not supported

by what you mean like beautiful, lovely, ugly, good, scary, messy, nice)

Use of 5 senses

6 questions words answered (including names, dates, places)

Focus on actually describing a **person or** **place or object**

**Conclusion:** 10pts

Begin with non-obvious Trans.

Purpose is evident and clear (include in conclusion)

Avoids new information

 **Grammar** 20pts

(fragments, run-on, apostrophe, spelling, verb tense,

who vs that, capitalization, etc.)

**Overall:** 20pts

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Successfully avoided 2nd person YOU

Followed the directions

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