Performance Task 1 Checklist

Individual Opinion Essay: Is it better to fit in or stand out?

Standard(s): Assignment: Use this checklist to guide you as you complete your task.	Yes/Date
Brainstorm Your Opinion	
Did you research the different perspectives?	
What is your opinion?	
Did you gather facts to support your opinion? Identify 3 facts to support your opinion. (evidence, reason, supported, facts, details) 1 2 3	
Organize Ideas	
Did you reflect on your supporting details?	
Did you group similar ideas together? (logically grouped)	
Did you determine the relationships between the facts? (circle which ones apply) cause and effect, compare and contrast, ordering, main idea and details, problem and solution, description	
Did you choose your organizational structure? What is it?	
Did you create a thinking map to organize your ideas?	
Drafting	
Did you compose a hook? (audience, engage, and focus)	
Does your introduction introduce the topic clearly? (background information)	
Does your introduction establish a focus? (purpose, topic sentence, thesis statement, talk about sentence, point of view, controlling idea, position)	
Do you include at least two and no more than three direct quotes from different sources to support your opinion? 1	

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Did you provide an in-text citation for each direct quote? (resources, reference, cite,	
Did you explain each direct quote? (support,	
Did you use other examples and evidence to support your opinion?	
Revising and editing	
Did you use a variety of sentence types? Give an example of two different types of sentences used in your paper.	
Did you use a variety of sentence lengths and begin your sentences with different words?	
Did you use tier II and tier III vocabulary words? Give 3 examples of each. Tier II 1	
Did you use figurative language to enhance your explanations? -Explain one figure of speech you used	
Did you explain, provide an example, and conclude each point?	
Do you maintain the same attitude about your opinion throughout your paper?	
Do you use a variety of transition words or phrases?	
Did you check your paper for spelling errors?	
Did you check your paper for punctuation errors? (Periods, question marks, apostrophes, and quotation marks)	

Did you check your paper for appropriate verb tense? (past, present, future, past perfect, future perfect, present perfect)	
Did you check your paper for comma usage?	
Publish	
Did you publish your essay neatly?	
Did you read back over your paper for errors?	