

Extended Response Checklist

**Please print, complete, and turn in with your extended response paragraph

Technical Elements:

- Proper MLA formatting (double spaced, 1" margins, heading, header, 12pt TNR font, creative title, etc.)?
- Prompt typed out at top of document?
- 200-250 words (not including prompt, heading, header)

Structural Elements:

- Topic sentence mentions author, title, and directly responds to the prompt. It states my opinion without saying "I think" or "I believe".
- Assertion #1 (supports the topic sentence, provides context for evidence #1)
- Evidence #1 (properly integrated and cited quote)
 - For authors in the Lit. book, use the author's last name and page number (Edwards 80). Also, double-check your Bible citations. You should include the translation (in italics) AND reference. (*ESV*, 1 John 1.1). Note: you only need the translation for the first verse unless you change translations.
- Commentary #1 (Does NOT simply restate the quote. Should connect your evidence to the assertion. Proves your point!)
- Transition word or phrase
- Assertion #2 (supports the topic sentence, provides context for evidence #1)
- Evidence #2 (properly integrated and cited quote)
- Commentary #2 (Does NOT simply restate the quote. Should connect your evidence to the assertion. Proves your point!)
- Clincher sentence (must wrap up the paragraph, not just the second proof)

Stylistic Elements:

- When I abbreviate the author's name, do I use the last name (i.e. Edwards instead of Jonathan)?
- Do I use formal language appropriate to the assignment? (i.e. no first or second person, no contractions, no informal/slang diction)
- Did I use ACTIVE voice (i.e. no be-verbs)?
- Did I vary my sentence openers and types?

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