

"Lamb to the Slaughter"

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PERSUASIVE ESSAY: GRADES 8-11

CHOOSE BETWEEN ANALYTIC AND HOLISTIC RUBRICS

STAPLE TO FINAL

The Prosecution/Defense of Mrs. Maloney

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Due _____ /50

	10	8-9
Content ___/20	Includes a strong argument for the chosen side. Uses three pieces of pertinent evidence to support claims.	Includes an argument for the chosen side. Uses three pieces of acceptable evidence to support claims.
Creativity ___/20	Ideas are interesting and essay has a clear "voice".	Ideas are somewhat interesting and an attempt at "voice" made.
Presentation ___/10	All pages are cited. Turned in on time. Written in pen or typed.	Meets two requirements.

Brainstorming

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Choose three pieces of textual evidence (either a quote or a paraphrase) to argue each possible "side" of the case. Include page numbers in parentheses.

Prosecution

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Provides exemplary argument for the chosen side. Writing has a strong sense of voice and is engaging for the reader. Includes textual evidence to support every claim. Neatly displayed, meets length requirements, and turned in on time.	Provides argument for the chosen side. Writing has a sense of voice and is interesting for the reader. Supports most claims with textual evidence. Mostly shows pride in work.	Provides some argument for the chosen side. Writing has an attempt at voice and creativity. Supports some claims with textual evidence. Does not pride in work.	Provides little to no argument for the chosen side. Shows little effort. No attempt at voice is made. Little to no textual evidence; claims are unsupported. Does not show pride in work.

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