**INTRODUCTION RUBRIC CHECKLIST**

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| **Grade** | **Criteria** |
| **A****Well-Developed** | **Hook:*** Relevant and creative hook with clear clarifying sentence.

**Background info:*** background info addresses all key questions thoroughly.

**Thesis:*** Clear claim made with specific reference to author, devices, & author’s purpose (if applicable);
* Specifically addresses the purpose of the prompt.

**General Writing:*** smooth transitions in between ideas;
* well-constructed, varied sentences; no grammatical/spelling errors;
* Indented, double-spaced; MLA format present throughout.
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| **B****Mostly Developed** | **Hook:*** Relevant hook with clarifying sentence.

**Background info:*** background info addresses most of the key questions thoroughly.

**Thesis:*** Clear claim made with specific reference to author, devices, & author’s purpose (if applicable);
* Specifically addresses the purpose of the prompt.

**General Writing:*** transitions in between ideas are present and mostly clear;
* mostly well-constructed sentences; some sentence structure variety; few grammatical/spelling errors.
* Indented, double-spaced; MLA format consistently present.
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| **C****Developing** | **Hook:*** Hook is present, but clarification is unclear.

**Background info:*** background info addresses some of the key questions.

**Thesis:*** claim or partial claim is present, but lacks mention of the author, or devices, or purpose.

**General Writing:*** transitions in between ideas are generally missing or lack clarity;
* some sentence structure variety; some grammatical and/or spelling errors; needs proofreading;
* Indented, double-spaced; MLA format mostly present.
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| **D****Needs Development** | **Hook:*** no hook is present, or clarification is unclear or missing.

**Background info:*** background info missing or irrelevant.

**Thesis:*** thesis missing or irrelevant to purpose of prompt.

**General Writing:*** no transitions in between ideas;
* little to no sentence structure variety; basic grammar/spelling problems;
* not in MLA format, though some elements may be present.
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| **F****Inadequate** | * Does not meet standards above.
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