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**First Essay Checklist**

1. Does this paper have a title? Does it tell you something about the essay?
2. Can you find the passage being analyzed? Does it seem an interesting choice?
3. Does the paper give a useful opening? Can locate a central point or thesis?
4. Did you learn something new about this passage from reading the essay? What in particular surprised you?
5. Is the conclusion clear? What questions or comments does it evoke for you? Try to address the central point in your response.
6. Other: note stylistic, organizational, or content issues which caught your attention.