**Basic Artifact Essay Checklist**

* Is the author the center of the story?
* Does the artifact function as a lens?
* Does it make a strong point about the importance of the experience/s connected to the artifact?
* Does the author reflect well on the value of the experience/s to his/her life?
* Is the narrative confusing in any way? Why?
* Are there portions that need more detail? Portions with too much?
* Does it connect to the wider world?
* Is it a good story? Did you enjoy reading it?
* Write a few sentences about how you feel you have benefited from reading that essay.