**DEFINITION ESSAY CHECKLIST**

* You should have **FIVE** paragraphs.
  + Introduction- 5-8 sentences; last sentence is your definition of a hero.
  + Body one- FUNCTION- at least 5 sentences
  + Body two- EXAMPLES- at least 5 sentences
  + Body three- NEGATION- at least 5 sentences
  + Conclusion- at least 5 sentences
* Make sure that you don’t have any fragments or run-on sentences.
* Make sure all of your sentences are different from each other- start with different words, use different verbs. VARIETY makes for better essays!
* **TRANSITIONS**- Add sentences at the beginning and/or end of your paragraphs to help your essay move smoothly from one paragraph to the next.
* Does your essay flow together?
  + To test this, try reading it “out loud (quietly)” to yourself. If it’s hard for you to read, then you should make some changes!
  + You may also want to get a friend to read it. If they have a hard time, then you need to make changes!