**English 11A Writing Rubric Name:**

**Cause & Effect Essay**

Student Checklist: □ Minimum Volume: **750 to 1000 words**

Word Count \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ □ Time Limit: **60 minutes**

* **Writing Prompt:** Write an essay in which you analyze five or six of what you consider the most important influences on your life: parent(s), your friends, a grandparent, your job, your neighborhood, a journey or vacation, a skill that you have developed, your religious or spiritual beliefs, your own personal philosophy of life a book or movie, a teacher, a coach, your cultural background, youth organization, your siblings, a hero or mentor, a conflict addressed, a lesson learned, your education, an important experience, a guiding philosophy, some good advice . . .

**FCA #1: At least 10 transitions 0 4 10 14 16 18 20**

* GET OFF YOUR *BUTS:* Underline at least 10 examples of transitional words used correctly in the context of your sentence other than the coordinating conjunctions.

**FCA #2: At least five influences 0 4 10 14 16 18 20 22**

* The writer clearly establishes through ample development the effect of each influential person, philosophy, or experience.

□ Limited □ Inadequate □ Adequate □ Effective □ Stellar

**FCA #3: Sentence Structure 0 4 10 14 16 18**

* **Student 🡪** COMPOUND-COMPLEX SENTENCES: Highlight in green three complete sentences that begin with an introductory dependent clause and then use a coordinating conjunction (FANBOYS) to combine two independent clauses. **DC, IC, coordinating conjunction IC.**
* **Student 🡪** SEMI-COLON: Highlight in yellow three complete sentences that use a semi-colon and a conjunct between two independent clauses. **IC; conjunct, IC.**
* **Student 🡪** DRAMATICALLY SHORT: Highlight in orange or red three complete sentences with six or less monosyllabic words. **IC. (All words are one syllable).**

**Total Score: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ out of 60**

Good job on:

Work on: