

High school teachers expect these writing skills in 9th grade writers

Format

- 5 paragraph essay
- solid introductory paragraph with strong thesis statement
- separate paragraphs with topic sentences which support thesis
- vocabulary that creates voice
- concluding paragraph

Grammar

- Consistent verb tense, S/V agreement, avoidance of repetitive being verbs
- Avoidance of 2nd person pronoun you, pronoun/antecedent agreement
- Complete sentences, use of compound and complex
- Correct punctuation (commas, semicolons, colons)