EOC Reminders for Student Writing

1. Avoid contractions
2. Avoid any use of 1st or 2nd person pronouns such as “you, my, I, we, our, us”
3. Avoid vague words: “things, stuff, great, bad, good, etc.”
4. Avoid switching sides in your counter argument
5. Avoid talking about your essay in your actual essay: “in my essay I will discuss, or in this essay I will discuss, or, as this essay states…”
6. Avoid rhetorical questions completely, i.e. “does anybody really think that owning a wild animal is a good idea?”
7. Avoid elementary transitions “First, Second, Third, Firstly, Secondly, First off, First of all, To summarize, Finally, In conclusion,”
8. Avoid phrases such as: “As seen earlier” “As stated above”
9. Make sure to use consistent verb tense
10. Explicitly state your position
11. Repeat crucial vocab from the prompt in your introduction
12. Make topic sentences
13. Cite an article title properly (“article title”)
14. Review the check list from the directions
15. Know the difference between “constructed response” and “extended response”