**Essay Writing Assignment**

**Prompt**: *People often credit their successes to having good attitudes. Explain the benefits of having a good attitude, even during a difficult time. Provide examples from your own experience or from having witness this in others.*

Write a minimum of a 5 paragraph essay. **Use** the **rubric** and the **writer’s checklist** to assist you. **This task is similar to what you will be asked to do on the SOL writing test in the fall, and the rubric is how the Department of Education will grade you.** Please take the time to carefully review this information. **\*\*Also, don’t forget the importance of bold beginnings, mighty middles, and exciting endings.**



**Control is the ability to use written language effectively at the appropriate grade level. A paper receives a higher score based on the writer’s ability of control. The rubric explains the requirements for each category. A paper is scored/graded based on the total score for both categories and divided by 8 (highest number of possible points combined from both categories) to calculate the average and thus, the letter grade.**

**Requirements for a score of 4 (each section):**



**Requirements for a score of 3 (each section):**





**Requirements for a score of 2 (each section):**





**Requirements for a score of 1 (each section):**



