This essay is the final exam based on our reading of *The Maze Runner* by James Dashner. The essay is due by the end of class on **Monday June 4th.** Late essays will not be accepted after Friday June 8th. The essay should be 500 words. The essay should be constructed in multiple paragraphs, following the 5 paragraph format, of at least 5 sentences apiece. You must hand in an outline (reverse side), flow chart, table, or other evidence that shows the method you used to work out the answer before you started to write it (20 Points). Additionally you must hand in a hand-written rough draft marked as such (with an “RD:” 50 points). Examples and direct quotes must have page numbers in parenthesis after the citations: e.g. (p. 123).

**Discuss in detail the plot of The Maze Runner using the traditional plot diagram. Introduce your essay by explaining the arrival at The Glade and the social situation that exists there. State the conflict. Devote one paragraph of the body of your essay to elements of the rising action. Give at least two examples of rising action and explain how they contribute to suspense. In another paragraph of the body explain how the climax is foreshadowed by at least two events in the rising action. Finally, using two examples, explain how the falling action helps resolve the questions we have about this dystopia. In the conclusion, evaluate the book with regard to the traditional plot diagram: Does Dashner use the elements of plot well or poorly and why? Give your opinion of the book in the conclusion.**

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| 20 | Excellent GrammarVaried Sentence LengthTransitionsHighly Descriptive | Good GrammarComplete SentencesThoughtfully OrganizedModerate Description | ReadableSome ROSs, SFsLimited TransitionLimited Description | Poor GrammarPoor S/V agreementDisorganizedMinimal effort |
| 20 | IntroStrong Thesis 5Title/Author 5,5Connection to reader 5 | Intro Thesis Sentence 4 addresses question 3,4Recognize audience 3,4 | Intro1-2 sentences: 10 points max | IntroDoes not address question or items  |
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| 20 | Conclusion 5Summary 10Evaluate the use of plot elements. 5Recommendation on novel 5 | Conclusion 52 of 3 | Conclusion 51 of 3 | Conclusion 5Poor conclusion |