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 Grammar  Varied Sentence Length  Transitions  Highly Descriptive | Good Grammar  Complete Sentences  Thoughtfully Organized  Moderate Description | Readable  Some ROSs, SFs  Limited Transition  Limited Description | Poor Grammar  Poor S/V agreement  Disorganized  Minimal effort |
| 20 | Intro  Strong Thesis 5  Title/Author 5,5  Connection to reader 5 | Intro  Thesis Sentence 4 addresses question 3,4  Recognize audience 3,4 | Intro  1-2 sentences: 10 points max | Intro  Does not address question or items |
| 40 | Body (can be multiple paragraphs)  3 Elements 5 each  3 Examples 5 each  3 page numbers 2 each  Connection/Analysis 4 | Body (can be multiple paragraphs)  2 Elements 5 each  2 Examples 5 each  2 page numbers 2 each  Connection/Analysis 3 | Body (can be multiple paragraphs)  1 Elements 5  1 Example 5  1 page number 2  Connection/Analysis 2 | Body (can be multiple paragraphs)  Elements, examples and page numbers are missing. No Analysis |
| 20 | Conclusion 5  Summary 10  Evaluate the use of plot elements. 5  Recommendation on novel 5 | Conclusion 5  2 of 3 | Conclusion 5  1 of 3 | Conclusion 5  Poor conclusion |