Puritan Prompt for Essay

The following topic should be addressed in a full-length essay. It should have an introductory section which includes a thesis, followed by supporting paragraphs, and a conclusion. It will be graded on your development of the topic, your use of specific details from the reading selections, and the clarity of your expression, as well as the 6 traits. It should be several paragraphs long.

**TOPIC:** Almost all of the works by Puritan writers reflect their religious convictions. Write an essay in which you discuss the ways in which the Puritans’ religious devotion is expressed in their literature. Develop your essay by using specific details concerning Puritan doctrines and several reading selections emphasized by quotes.

Turn over for Essay checklist
Check list for Puritan Essay

Introduction

- Well developed motivator (2-3 sentences going from the known to the unknown)

- Clear concise thesis and parallel blueprint (thesis has 2 adjectives which describe the Puritans and attached blueprint lists 2 or more beliefs).

Paragraph Development (2 or more)

- Clear topic sentence
- Accurate, logical set up w/ all needed references and identifications
- Example= well chosen quote with proper MLA in-text citation
- Relation explains how example fits main idea
- Clincher (more than just a summary, it makes an important point related to idea.)

Conclusion

- Summary (summarizes key idea/s without repeating thesis or using an introductory phrase.)
- Essay Close (relates an idea from motivator to its influence today and/or the future)

Mechanics

- No spelling errors, run-ons, fragments (used spell check & peer editing)
- Correct use of quotation marks and corresponding commas
- Correct use of commas with introductory phrases/words
- TWO new and well chosen words included (vocabulary words) underline or bold

- Correctly punctuated titles (quotation marks vs. underlining)
- Correctly done MLA in-text citations for quotes, paraphrases, summaries
- Attached MLA works cited page