**Bike Helmet Rubric**

**Introduction (1 paragraph)**
- There is a clear introduction (introduces main points, it doesn’t go into details). **0-1**
- You can easily tell what the issue is (wearing bike helmets) and which position (side) the author is taking. **0-1**
- The introduction has a hook that grabs the reader’s attention. **0-1**
- The introduction introduces the three ideas that will be covered in more detail in the body. **0-5**

**Body (3 paragraphs)**
- For **each** paragraph
  - There are three real paragraphs with a different argument in each. **0-3**
  - The first sentence of each paragraph is a topic sentence stating the benefit/cost of wearing/not wearing a helmet. **0-3**
  - The benefit/cost is believable. **0-2**
  - The supporting reasoning makes sense and supports what was said in the first sentence of the paragraph. **0-2**
  - The author was convincing. **0-2**

**Conclusion (1 paragraph)**
- There is a clear conclusion (the essay doesn’t just stop—the last paragraph actually **summarizes**). **0-1**
- The author restated his/her position. **0-1**
- The conclusion sounds different than the introduction. **0-1**

**Sources**
- At least three different sources were used. **0-3**
- Each source was properly cited **in** the essay when it was referred to. **0-3**
- The sources were properly cited at the bottom of the essay. **0-3**

**Mechanics**
- paragraphing **0-2**
- spelling **0-2**
- grammar **0-2**
- punctuation **0-2**

**Total** **0-40**