Rubric for *Saints at the River* Essay

One letter grade is subtracted per day late.

“A” paper attributes:
- More than two pages in length
- MLA format
- Thesis is the last sentence in the first paragraph
- Has 5+ paragraphs
- Has unified paragraphs
- Doesn’t omit major points of evidence
- Paper’s body contains at least three distinct sections
- The paper makes sense w/ little confusion for the reader
- The conclusion relates the specific to the universal/it actually concludes something
- Uses standard grammar; minimal minor errors don’t distract reader

“B” paper attributes:
- More than two pages in length
- Thesis is the last sentence in the first paragraph
- Has 5+ paragraphs
- Doesn’t omit major points of evidence, but points are not as well-developed as the “A” paper
- Paper’s body contains at least three distinct sections
- The paper makes sense w/ little confusion for the reader
- Uses standard grammar; minimal minor errors don’t distract reader
  - Minor lapses in MLA format
  - Minor lapses in paragraph unity
  - The conclusion relates the specific to the universal/it actually concludes something, but less effectively than the “A” paper

“C” paper attributes:
- Two pages in length
- Thesis is the last sentence in the first paragraph
- Has 5+ paragraphs
- Has unified paragraphs
- Paper’s body contains at least three sections
  - Minor lapses in MLA format
  - Minor lapses in paragraph unity
  - May omit a major point of evidence, and some points are not as well-developed and the “B” paper
  - The paper makes sense overall, but may cause some minor confusion for the reader in grammar and/or content
  - The conclusion attempts to relate the specific to the universal/it attempts to conclude something
  - Uses standard grammar; minor errors can be distracting to the reader

“D” paper attributes:
- One and a half–two pages in length
- Has 5+ paragraphs
- Has paragraphs with a main idea, but contains disunified information
  - Thesis is present, but not located in the last sentence in the first paragraph
  - Lapses in MLA format
  - Lapses in paragraph unity
  - Omits a major point of evidence, and points lack development
  - Paper’s body contains fewer than three sections
  - The paper makes has sections that are considerably confusing
  - The conclusion attempts to relate the specific to the universal/it attempts to conclude something
  - Uses standard grammar; major grammatical errors that cause confusion for the reader.

“F” paper attributes:
- <1 ½ pages
- No MLA format
- No citations
- No thesis
- Thesis is not addressed
- Doesn’t make sense due to grammar and/or content