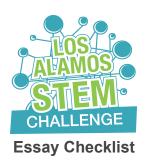**Essay Checklist**

Thought and research to innovate an original STEM design for the future

___Did we review Discover LANL to research current and past LANL projects?

___Did we review the Brainstorm section of the STEM Design Tool?

___Did we allow enough time for brainstorming individually and as a team?

___Did we search online to see if the idea already exists?

___Did we get feedback from friends, family, teachers, and experts to confirm that we have an original STEM design for the future?

Voice and Fluency

___Did we print and review the Essay Rubric and Guidelinesto learn about the requirements for this category?

___Did we explore the Essay Wiki and search online for creative essays that we like, and did we share our findings our Pinterest board?

___ Did we find different ways to says things so that we are not repeating the same words?

___Do we communicate our idea for the future with emotion? Does it sound like we are really passionate about our idea?

___Is our introduction compelling, and does it hook the reader from the beginning? Does it keep their attention as they read on?

Use of design and words to communicate the STEM idea

___Did we clearly state the STEM idea, its features and purpose?

____Have we listed at least **three key features** of the proposed STEM design that demonstrate why our

    idea is unique?

___Did we provide s**upporting research summarized in three bullet points**?

___Is our writing clear, creative, and compelling to the reader?

Essay Checklist

Copyright and credits page

___Did we keep records of the authors for any borrowed images, text, or video from the internet or other sources to include in our credits page?

___Did we get permissions to use images wherever necessary?

___Did we create a credits page and list all participants?

___Did we remember to thank all people in the credits page who supported, advised or helped in any way?

Challenge submission

___ Did we review and include all the elements listed in the Essay Guidelines?

___Did we use our Pinterest board regularly to document our process?

___Did we complete and submit the Essay Rubric Team Checklist?