

Literary Final Project – Literary Analysis Essay

~ Shared with Mrs. Preshinger by June 5, 2020~

It's time to let your writing skills shine! You will produce a 3-5 page Literary Analysis essay based on your reading, notes and discussions. Your essay will be a strongly organized, multi-paragraph essay that should communicate your understanding and interpretations of the text. Remember what you know about TEAEAL paragraphs and the importance of evidence and analysis. You will need specific quotes from the text to support your ideas. These must be introduced with relevance and embedded in MLA format. The purpose of a literary analysis essay is to carefully examine and sometimes evaluate a work of literature or an aspect of a work of literature. As with any analysis, this requires you to break the subject down into its component parts. Examining the different elements of a piece of literature is not an end in itself but rather a process to help you better appreciate and understand the work of literature as a whole.

Writing is the sharpened, focused expression of thought and study. As you develop your writing skills, you will also improve your perceptions and increase your critical abilities. Writing ultimately boils down to the development of an idea. Your objective in writing a literary analysis essay is to convince the person reading your essay that you have supported the idea you are developing. Unlike ordinary conversation and classroom discussion, writing must stick with great determination to the specific point of development. This kind of writing demands tight organization and control. Therefore, your essay must have a central idea (thesis), it must have several paragraphs that grow systematically out of the central idea, and everything in it must be directly related to the central idea and must contribute to the reader's understanding of that central idea. Regardless on your topic and length of the essay, the structure remains true to what we know about strong formulaic writing: Intro Paragraph (ANT), Body (Paragraphs for each new idea that supports the thesis), and Conclusion Paragraph (wrap up key points and answer "So What?!"). Watch the Wednesday's lesson video on where to start and how to develop your ideas.

This project was introduced May 4th. Remember, daily online office hours are always available for asking questions, getting clarification or troubleshooting. Your assignment is due June 5th. Have fun:)

Directions: Include all of the following elements and literary devices in your essay. You'll notice all of these are from Step 1, Step 2 and Step 3:)

- Title, Author and Genre
- Characters (dynamic & static)
- Setting
- Plot development (exposition, rising action, climax, falling action, resolution)
- Theme
- Point of View
- Symbolism
- Conflict (one example of external)
- Powerful Quote from the text & purpose for selecting

Extra Credit:

- Protagonist / Antagonist
- Characterization (technique & example)
- Conflict (internal & additional external)
- Literary Connections (text-to-text, text-to-world, text-to-self)

How do I share this and submit to Mrs.P?

You will need to submit your Final Paper to Turnitin on or before June 5th. If you would like feedback on your rough draft, plan ahead and submit it first for comments.

How will I be evaluated? Watch the lesson video, see the student sample from the video posted on my website and see the Literary Final Project Rubric:)