

Literary Analysis Essay Rubric

Category	Advanced	Proficient	Basic	Below Basic
Focus	Engaging, highly effective attention grabber Third person point of view Interesting, parallel, 2-pronged thesis statement	Effective attention grabber Third person point of view Appropriate, parallel, 2-pronged thesis statement	Ineffective attention grabber Inconsistent point of view (1 st or 2 nd person) Attempted, parallel, 2-pronged thesis statement	Weak/no attention grabber Unclear point of view (1 st and 2 nd person) No parallel, 2-pronged thesis statement
Content	2 or 3 fully-developed body paragraphs 3 exceptional quotes per paragraph Original, engaging topic and wrap up sentences Significant and insightful supporting details from the text Interesting, clear, detailed explanations of quotes Powerful, insightful concluding paragraph	2 developed body paragraphs 3 good quotes per paragraph Effective topic and wrap up sentences Clear and relative supporting details from the text Clear, detailed explanations of quotes Cohesive, interesting concluding paragraph	2 inconsistently developed body paragraphs 2 quotes per paragraph Some effective topic and wrap up sentences Mostly clear and relevant supporting details from the text Some clear explanations of quotes Clear concluding paragraph	2 undeveloped body paragraphs 1-2 quotes per paragraph Few effective topic and wrap up sentences Unclear or irrelevant details from the text No detailed/clear explanations of quotes Weak concluding paragraph
Organization	Expertly organized intro, body, and conclusion Sophisticated organization of supporting details Seamless transitions between and among paragraphs Seamless quotes throughout the essay No extraneous information	Logically organized intro, body, and conclusion Clear organization of supporting details Appropriate transitions between and among paragraphs Appropriate quotes throughout the essay Most related information	Somewhat organized intro, body, and conclusion Attempt to organize supporting details Sporadic transitions between and among paragraphs Sporadic quotes throughout the essay Some unrelated information	Disorganized intro, body, and conclusion Disorganized supporting details Weak transitions between and among paragraphs Weak quotes throughout the essay Unrelated information
Style	Vivid, precise, concrete word choices Good use of vocabulary Varied and fluent sentence structure Sophisticated, engaging voice (sounds like you) Evidence of risk-taking	Precise, concrete word choices Use of vocabulary Most varied and fluent sentence structure Engaging voice (sounds like you) Consistent voice	Some precise, concrete word choices Attempts use of vocabulary Some varied and fluent sentence structure Attempt at voice (sounds like you) Inconsistent voice	Few precise word choices No attempt to use vocabulary No varied and fluent sentence structure No attempt at voice (sounds like you) Inconsistent voice
Conventions	Error-free spelling, capitalization, punctuation; No run-ons or fragments; Correct usage	Minor spelling, capitalization, punctuation, grammar, and usage errors (1-5 errors)	Several spelling, capitalization, punctuation, grammar, and usage errors (6-10 errors)	Many spelling, capitalization, punctuation, grammar, and usage errors (+10 errors)

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