

## Literary Analysis Essay – Final Draft Rubric

<p>There is an approved <u>theme claim</u> (highlighted yellow) in <b>every</b> paragraph (<b>restated</b> a different way each time) that presents a defensible interpretation of the literary work.</p> <hr/> <p><b>0</b> – Theme claim is present in only one paragraph and/or does not present a defensible claim of the work.  <b>1</b> – Theme claim is missing in one or more paragraphs and/or is restated only two or three ways.  <b>2</b> – Theme claim is present in all paragraphs and is restated in different wording each time.</p>	<p>___ out of 2</p>
<p>There are smoothly <b>woven</b>, parenthetically <b>cited quotations</b> present in the body paragraphs. (Quotations should be highlighted green; citations should be highlighted orange.)</p> <hr/> <p><b>0</b> – None are present.  <b>1</b> – Only one is present.  <b>2</b> – Two or three are present.  <b>3</b> – Four or more are present.</p>	<p>___ out of 3</p>
<p>There is <u>commentary</u> (highlighted in pink or purple) that elaborates on textual evidence to explain the effects of the author’s <b>choices</b> and/or to consider on the author’s <b>intentions</b>.</p> <hr/> <p><b>0</b> – Simply restates the thesis (if present) or offers information irrelevant to the argument of the thesis.  <b>1</b> – Merely summarizes the plot/evidence but doesn’t explain how that information supports the argument of the thesis.  <b>2</b> – Commentary explains how some (but not all) of the evidence supports the argument of the thesis.  <b>3</b> – Commentary consistently and convincingly explains how the evidence supports the argument of the thesis.</p>	<p>___ out of 3</p>
<p>There is an <u>introduction paragraph</u> (that includes the full underlined/italicized <b>title</b> of the work as well as the author's full <b>name</b>) and a <u>conclusion paragraph</u> that situate the subject matter of the essay in some larger context while justifying why the argument of the thesis matters.</p> <hr/> <p><b>0</b> – None of the criteria above are met.  <b>1</b> – A reasonable attempt is made to situate the argument of the thesis in some larger context, and the criteria above are met.</p>	<p>___ out of 1</p>
<p>The essay is in proper <u>MLA format</u>.</p> <hr/> <p><b>0</b> – The essay is not in full MLA format.  <b>1</b> – The essay is in full MLA format.</p>	<p>___ out of 1</p>
<p><u>non-negotiable mechanical error penalties</u> (-1 for each)</p>	<p>- ___ out of 0</p>

**TOTAL:** \_\_\_ out of 10