

PEER REVIEW—LITERARY ANALYSIS

Writer's Name _____ Reader's Name _____

Directions: Answer the questions as specifically as you can. *Make comments on the draft itself.* Provide suggestions on content and style to help the writer improve the essay in subsequent drafts. Give your honest opinion, but also be tactful and kind.

INTRODUCTION AND THESIS

- Underline the thesis statement in the essay:

Does the writer begin with a general introduction?	Yes	No
Does the writer develop the introduction with a brief summary or general discussion of the work?	Yes	No
Does the writer develop the introduction with a brief discussion of the theme?	Yes	No
Does the thesis include a method of development (devices)?	Yes	No
Does the thesis include a correctly stated theme (generalization, subject/predicate, central idea)?	Yes	No

- Make a specific comment on how the writer can improve the introduction and thesis.

PARAGRAPH #

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Does the writer begin the body paragraph with a topic sentence?	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
Does the writer use quotations to support the topic sentence in the body of the paragraph?	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
Does the writer integrate quotations correctly and use signal phrases to introduce quotes?	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
Does the writer document line or page numbers appropriately?	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
Does the writer explain the evidence and tie it back to the thesis with analysis?	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
Does the writer use transitions between points within the paragraph?	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
Does the writer use transitions between paragraphs?	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No

Make specific comments about what the writer needs to do to improve EACH body paragraph (evidence, analysis, topic sentences, signal phrases, clear focus).

ORGANIZATION: Take a look at the big picture of the essay. Make a topic outline that indicates the main point of each paragraph.

Does the essay flow smoothly and logically from one paragraph to another?	Yes	No
Does the essay move more like an explication than an analysis?	Yes	No

Make a comment on how the writer could improve the organization OR explain why this pattern works.

GRAMMAR/MECHANICS/MLA

- Describe your overall impression of the essay in terms of grammar/mechanics/spelling. Mark any problems you see on the draft and mention below any recurring problems you notice.

Is the writer following correct MLA style?	Yes	No
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Comment on your general impression of the paper.