

Core A Comp & Lit Literary Analysis Essay

Due 12/2 – Write a thesis statement and have fully approved by tutor (in class 12/1 or by email, no later than 3:00 pm on 12/2)

Due 12/13 – Using approved thesis statement, complete the essay outline

Due 1/12/2023 – Complete Rough Draft

Due 1/19 – Make all necessary corrections and put the final draft together

For this assignment, you are going to write a five paragraph literary analysis essay on the character change that Scrooge undergoes in Dickens' work A Christmas Carol.

A literary analysis essay is not a summary. For this essay, you can assume that your audience is familiar with the story, so there is no need to re-tell it. Instead, the purpose of your paper is to explain or prove a point, in this case, how Scrooge's character has changed. This essay will follow the basic format presented in the Five Paragraph Outline, but the evidence and support for the statements in your body paragraphs will be quotes from the text and commentary on those quotes, instead of things like statistics or personal experience.

A good format for your paper might be using body paragraph 1 to explain Scrooge's character at the beginning of the story, body paragraph 2 to explain WHAT specifically causes Scrooge to change, and body paragraph 3 to explain what Scrooge is like at the end of the story as a result of the events that have taken place. However, you may choose another way to organize your ideas depending on your argument.

1. Develop a working thesis in answer to the question, "How does Ebenezer Scrooge change throughout the course of A Christmas Carol?" Please note: All thesis statements **MUST BE** revised (if necessary) until fully approved by tutor.

2. Create an essay outline using the Five Paragraph Outline posted to Weebly

3. Write three body paragraphs using quotes from the text as evidence or support for your statements. You may use outside sources also, but the bulk of your evidence should come from the text.

Literary Analysis Checklist

- } •Submit outline, graded drafts, and signed assignment sheet with final draft of essay
- } •Include the title and author of work in the introduction.
- } •Use the author's last name only, except the first time you say his or her name in the introduction.
- } •Your thesis statement answers the question in the prompt.
- } •Each body paragraph includes a topic and clincher sentence that falls under the umbrella of the thesis, and appropriate transitions.
- } •Use present tense verbs when discussing events that take place in the story.
- } •Commentary must be more than a summary of the plot or the quote. Instead, it must explain how the quote supports your topic sentence and thesis statement.
- } •Introduce the quotation properly and only quote the words you need. (Don't make your quotes longer than they need to be.)
- } •No "I" or "you" or "me" or "my" etc. Personal experience should not be included.
- } •No contractions.
- } •Use MLA format.

