

## Core A Comp & Lit | Literary Analysis Essay #2

**Due 3/31**– Deadline for Thesis approval (can be approved earlier in class or via email)

**Due 4/11** – Outline (use Body Paragraph Outline Template)

**Due 4/25** – Rough Draft (5 paragraphs plus Works Cited)

**Due 5/4**- 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 how a main character in a story overcame adversity. You can choose any main character from any of the novels read this year in class (other than *The Bronze Bow*). **Your essay should address the question, “How does \_\_\_\_\_ overcome adversity or change throughout the course of the story?”**

A literary analysis essay is not a summary. For a literary analysis 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 your character overcame adversity.** 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.

1. Develop a working thesis in answer to the question, “How does *chosen character* overcome adversity throughout the course of *chosen story*?” **Please note: After submission of pre-work, 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.
3. Write an introduction, conclusion and a Works Cited page.
4. Revise your essay for grammar, mechanics, and style.

### 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.)
- ✓ Punctuate your quote correctly: “~~~~~” (6).
- ✓ No “I” or “you” or “me” or “my” etc. Personal experience should not be included.
- ✓ No contractions.
- ✓ Use MLA format.
- ✓ Include a Works Cited page for the text

**I have proofread my student’s work and given the appropriate feedback for potential revisions.**

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Date