

## Lit. Analysis Essay First Draft Checklist

**DIRECTIONS:** Do NOT check off an item unless it FULLY meets the requirement. Anything that does not meet the requirement MUST be fixed (handwritten corrections) and then checked off. You MUST also follow all the directions in bold. Your rough draft should have a lot of writing on it by the time you are finished.

Please turn in the 3 parts with your finished essay: 1. parent-edited draft, 2. your revised, best yet, semi-perfect draft and 3. This signed checklist attached to the front.

- Is my format correct (Times New Roman, size 12 font, double spaced, heading, header, etc)?
- Do I have a creative title?
- Is my essay at least 2 full pages?
- Does my introduction start GENERAL (does not mention author, characters, or book) and grab the readers' attention? **If not, rewrite the hook.**
- Does my introduction include the TITLE and AUTHOR in the introduction paragraph?
- Is my thesis statement the last sentence of introduction paragraph? **Highlight your thesis statement.**
- Does my thesis statement CLEARLY state what my essay will prove?
- Is my introduction paragraph at least five sentences long? **Number your sentences.**
- Does each body paragraph include a topic sentence that directly supports the thesis? **Underline the topic sentence.**
- Does each paragraph include quotes (textual support) from the text? Are the quotes cited correctly (MLA)?
- Does each quote help to PROVE/SUPPORT the topic sentence and thesis?
- Is each quote integrated into the sentence effectively? Remember – introduce the quote with your own words AND comment on the quote (your own words!).
- Do I have transitions between ideas within a paragraph AND between paragraphs?
- Does my conclusion start with a restated thesis (NOT exact wording as thesis)? **Highlight the restated thesis.**
- Does my conclusion wrap up my essay? Is my conclusion at least five sentences long? **Number each sentence.**
- Did I check for grammar and mechanics and correct any errors I found?
- Did I make sure no first or second person words were used in my essay (I, me, my, we, us, our, you, your, etc)? **Did I circle and correct the ones I found?**
- Did I make sure no weak verbs (be verbs) were used in my essay? **Did I circle and correct the ones I found?**

### Style Bonus:

- Did I vary my sentence openers (i.e. no two sentences in a paragraph start with the same word; no two paragraphs in the essay start with the same word)?

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