

## *Literary Analysis Assessment Rubric*

	<b>Critical Thinking</b>	<b>Originality</b>	<b>Clarity of argument</b>	<b>Research Quality</b>	<b>Overall eloquence</b>
<b>1-3</b>	Use of a critical lens is absent; paper is confined to author's personal interpretation of the text	Paper states the obvious or repeats common arguments	Thesis of paper is unidentifiable; object or aim of analysis is indeterminate. Paper itself is unfocused, lacks logical structure	No secondary sources engaged	Sentence structure is weak and/or confusing, sometimes grammatically incorrect
<b>4-5</b>	Paper gestures toward a critical lens through oblique reference	Paper forms common argument, but with a little nuance	Clear thesis, but couched in vague or confusing language. Paper occasionally diverges from its stated purpose.	Shallow engagement with 1-2 sources; fails to successfully situate argument within existing criticism	Sentences are grammatically correct, if stylistically uninteresting
<b>6-7</b>	Paper identifies and implements a critical lens, but with limited success or shallow engagement	Paper shows some twist or slight divergence from what is expected	Thesis is clearly articulated. Paper may include some extraneous information.	Paper situates argument within existing criticism, but lacks a nuanced engagement with secondary sources	Grammatically correct and clearly written, with an engaging style
<b>8-10</b>	Paper identifies and implements a critical lens while demonstrating a deep and nuanced understanding of both the subject matter and the critical perspective	Paper takes unexpected or neglected approach to the subject matter; makes a marked departure and addition to the secondary literature	Argument, as well as stakes, is clearly articulated in thesis. Paper remains focused throughout, and each element adds to the argument's logical progression	Paper gives clear sense of the subject's existing terrain of criticism and how the argument interacts with it. Outside sources are often used as support without eclipsing the argument.	Style is unique, sharp, and elegant, making the paper a generally enjoyable read. Always clear and accessible, even when discussing complex subject matter

Themes/Keywords: \_\_\_\_\_