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## 1 | Essay Template

### 1.1 | General Information

Due Date	Topic	Important Documents
March 5th, 5PM	GoST	GoST

### 1.2 | Prompt

For this assignment, you will craft a literary analysis essay that shows your understanding and close reading of a thematic aspect of Roy's *The God of Small Things*. As always, close reading can involve tracking a repetition of some type in the text, including but not limited to repetitions in diction, images, structure, syntax, or characters' behaviors. You might also think about tracking a change of some kind in the novel.

You may think of this analysis in two pieces:

- A deep engagement with textual evidence, close reading, and a thematic scope of Roy's *The God of Small Things*
- A tracking and analysis of a pattern, theme, motif, or element of the narrative. Your analysis MUST include the significance of this tracking. It is not enough to notice a pattern, you must examine WHY and HOW that pattern functions within the broader scope of the narrative.

### 1.3 | Evidence bin

- (Holes) "Wild creepers burst through latente banks and spill across the flooded roads. Boats ply in the bazaars. And small fish appear in the puddles that fill the PWD potholes on the highways."
- (Holes) "Steelshrill police whistles pierced holes in the Noise Umbrella. Through the jagged umbrella holes Rahel could see pieces of red sky." (w.r.t. communism march)
- (Smash) "Steelshrill police whistles pierced holes in the Noise Umbrella. Through the jagged umbrella holes Rahel could see pieces of red sky."
- "Vellya Paapen had assured the twins that there was no such thing in the world as a black cat. He said that there were only black cat-shaped holes in the Universe. // There were so many stains on the road. // Squashed Miss Mitten-shaped stains in the Universe. // Squashed frog-shaped stains in the Universe. // Squashed crows that had tried to eat the squashed frog-shaped stains in the Universe. // Squashed dogs that ate the squashed crow-shaped stains in the Universe. // Feathers. Mangoes. Spit. // All the way to Cochin."

Excerpt From: Arundhati Roy. "The God of Small Things." Apple Books.

### 1.4 | Claim Synthesis

### 1.5 | Defluffifying

CHOSEN THESIS CLAIM

- Point a

- Point b
- Point c

So what? SO WHAT

Now, defluffify by re-writing the three points + so what in as little words as possible.

### RESTATED CLAIM

#### 1.6 | Outline

- Claim 1: *claim*
    - How
      - HOW IS CLAIM TRUE?
      - Evidence -> HOW IS YOUR REASONING TRUE?
    - So What
      - WHY DO I CARE?
  - Claim 2: *claim*
    - How
      - HOW IS CLAIM TRUE?
      - Evidence -> HOW IS YOUR REASONING TRUE?
    - So What
      - WHY DO I CARE?
  - Claim 3: *claim*
    - How
      - HOW IS CLAIM TRUE?
      - Evidence -> HOW IS YOUR REASONING TRUE?
    - So What
      - WHY DO I CARE?
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