# 1 | Essay Template

### 1.1 | General Information

| Due Date    | Topic               | Important Documents      |
|-------------|---------------------|--------------------------|
| In two days | God of Small Things | God of Small Things, Duh |

#### Copy and paste the passage to the top of the essay!!

### 1.2 | **Prompt**

Select one of the following citations from Roy's *The God of Small Things* for your in-class close reading writing. Be sure to examine the specific denotation and connotations of Roy's language.

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Chacko said:
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- You don't \_go\_ to Oxford. You \_read\_ at Oxford.
   And
- After \_reading\_ at Oxford, you \_come down.\_

"Down to earth, d'you mean?" Ammu would ask. "\_That\_ you definitely do. Like your famous airplanes."

Ammu said that the sad but entirely predictable fate of Chacko's airplanes was an impartial measure of its contraction.

Reading, the double entendre. "Study (an academic subject) at a university." (OED, AA) However, in this passage, there's also "understand or interpret the nature or significance of." (OED, AB).

Come down — a sense of superority — a sense of criticism w.r.t. Chacko has a sense of superority. Chaco's aeromodeling kit kept crashing, shows dichotomy between reality and fiction.

Chacko's airplones, kits — arranged — that he always messes up. Similar to his running of the factory. Prearranged systems that he messes up.

Effect of sarcasm: famous. Is famous sacrasm??

The sense of British superority used against him. Infatuation with titles.

1. Infatuation with titles and male chavinism

You don't go to oxford, you "understand" at oxford. And after you understand at oxford, you rid yourself of your corrupt ways. One does not simply head to oxford, one attempts to see and understand (Luke 19:5), and Come Down to rid of sins.

Inherent sense of superority, for Chacko, Oxford is the tree that allows him to see Jesus. Marxist.

Ammu instead offers an alternate interpretation, instead of meeting a Jesus like figure, one actually meets a harsher figure: the ground. One acutally comes down to earth, and, instead of seeing Jesus and achiving salvation, chacko bites the dirt.... by destroying prebuilt systems. Unexpected use of famous offers sharp dichotomy

# 1.3 | Defluffifying

CHOSEN THESIS CLAIM

· Point a

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- 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**

## 1.4 | 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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