

1 | Essay Template

1.1 | General Information

| Due Date | Topic | Important Documents |
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| 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.

Chacko said:

- 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 l

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 superiority

1.3 | Claim Synthesis (Babingtonization)

1.3.1 | Development phase – How and So-What

- CLAIM
 - How THING THAT ATTACKS INTEGRITY OF CLAIM
 - EVIDENCE and SPECIFICITY
 - So what (local), THING THAT ATTACKS THE RELEVANCE OF CLAIM TOWARDS THE BROADER PICTURE
- CLAIM
 - Repeat...

1.3.2 | Testing phase – Why and So-What

- CLAIM
 - Why DOES THE CLAIM ANSWER THE PROMPT?
 - So what (global), THING THAT ATTACKS THE BROADER IMPACT OF THE CLAIM
- CLAIM
 - Repeat...

1.4 | **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

1.5 | **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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