# 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:
- You don't _go_ to Oxford. You _read_ at Oxford.
And
- After _reading_ at Oxford, you _come down._
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"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

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)

#### 1.3 | Claim Synthesis (Babingtonization)

## 1.3.1 | Development phase - How and So-What

- CLAIM
  - How THING THAT ATTACKS INTERGRITY 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...

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## 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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