

## Literary Analysis Checklist

1. Is the topic you have chosen to write about manageable for the length of the paper you are writing? Is the topic too narrow or too broad?
2. Is your title engaging? Does it suggest the approach you are taking in your paper?
3. Does your first paragraph introduce your topic, name the writer and the work, and end with your thesis statement? Will it get the reader's attention?
4. Is your thesis clear? Does it state the central idea of your paper and make a claim (state an opinion) that you will prove in your body paragraphs?
5. Is your paper organized in a way that your reader will be able to follow?
6. Are your developmental paragraphs unified (everything in the paragraph relates to the topic of the paragraph) and coherent (everything in the paragraph is arranged in a logical order)?
7. Do all of your body paragraphs support your thesis and further your argument?
8. Have you used transitional words where necessary within each paragraph? Are there transitions linking all the paragraphs of your essay and indicating the direction of your thinking?
9. Have you used literary terms correctly?
10. Have you used brief summary, paraphrase, specific details, and direct quotations as evidence to support your claims? Have you explained how these details support your central idea?
11. Does your concluding paragraph provide a sense of closure and tie together your ideas?
12. Have you carefully proofread your final draft for content, style, grammar, and mechanics?