

Literary Essay Checklist

Introduction

1. Does your essay introduction contain the following elements: hook, author, title, main characters, short summary and thesis?
2. Is the language clear and concise and easy to follow?
3. Is the thesis clear and focussed?

Understanding & Interpretation

1. Does the thesis of the essay directly address the essay question?
2. Does the essay contain relevant examples from the text?
3. Is the purpose of the essay supported throughout?

Appreciation of the writer's choices

1. Is all textual support analysed?
2. Does the essay show appreciation of the writer's choices by looking at language usage, story structure and literary technique?

Organisation

1. Is the essay clearly organised in terms of paragraphs (introduction, body paragraphs, conclusion)?
2. Is there clear internal organisation with the paragraphs (cohesive devices such as transition signals, syntactic borrowing, pronoun reference, etc)?

Language

1. Is the essay free from grammatical errors?
2. Are there any areas that are unclear in terms of language? Could you clarify your expression?

Conclusion

1. Does your conclusion start with a summary of your thesis?
2. Do you demonstrate the importance of the text and its message in the conclusion?