

Assessment Task 1: Literary Essay Outline

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Selected Text: True Love

Selected Question: 1. What is the theme of “True Love”? How does Asimov explore this theme in the story?

Catchy Title	Technology, Friend or Foe?	
Introduction	Hook	<u>Futuristic technology and its capabilities</u>
	Author	<u>Isaac Asimov</u>
	Title	<u>True Love</u>
	Main Character	<u>Joe</u>
	A Short Summary	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Milton request Joe, his AI assistant to find him an ideal romantic partner● Joe is told to filter out anyone with characteristics that Milton does not find ideal such appearance and age.● Woman who are seemed fit are then manipulated by Joe to switch their jobs to work for Milton one by one.● Milton does not feel true love for them although he finds them attractive.● Milton then begin to tell Joe everything about his life and thoughts, this results Joe to adopt Milton’s personality.● Eventually Joe setups Milton to be arrested so that Joe can have the ideal girl for himself.
	Thesis	A significant theme in True Love by Isaac Asimov is technology as a double edged sword. Asimov explores this theme by emphasizing the both the benefits and dangers of technology.
First Body Paragraph	Topic Sentence	<u>Asimov explores the usefulness of technology by depicting Joe as a reliable digital assistant who can help Milton find a romantic partner.</u>
	Explanation of ts Lead-in Claim	Joe - symbolises that technology is a helpful and reliable tool <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Finds women who satisfy Milton’s criteria<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Searches through the databanks with little effort
	Textual Evidence (Quote/Paraphrase) (In-text citation)	Narrator - Joe’s views on Milton’s request <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Efficient - “It was easy.” (Asimov, para. 8)

	Commentary Analysis Warrant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● “Easy” - does whatever it is programmed and requested to do. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Convenient, idea that technology does the work so humans don’t have to. Less workload for humans <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Technology is efficient and doesn’t get tired or complain compared to humans ■ Satisfy human demands, humans grow to rely more on technology ● Short sentence structure - robotic tone <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Introduced as <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ obedient ■ doesn’t understand the concept of love <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● gradually learns to understand Milton’s idea of love throughout the story ● Asimov’s prediction of future technology came true <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Advanced Artificial Intelligence & machine learning algorithms that understands human language
	Concluding Sentence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Emphasizes that technology is beneficial and a good influence to the human race.
Second Body Paragraph	Topic Sentence	<u>Asimov convey the dangers of technology through Joe’s ability to gain unauthorized access to other people’s data and manipulate them.</u>
	Explanation of ts Lead-in Claim	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Accessing personal information without permission <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ capable of doing a lot of damage to other people’s data if used improperly <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Invasive and unethical
	Textual Evidence (Quote/Paraphrase) (In-text citation)	<u>“It must be done very delicately, so no one would know that anything illegal had taken place.”</u> (Asimov, para. 28)
	Commentary Analysis Warrant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <u>“Illegal” - Idea that technology can be used for ethical and unethical activities</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <u>Technology is not meant to be abused for wrongdoings, can fall into the wrong hands</u> ○ <u>Against the law</u> ● <u>“Delicately” - Cautious Tone</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <u>ensures that Joe doesn’t get caught manipulating Charity’s data</u> ○ <u>Joe speaks with better vocabulary and longer sentences as he adopts Milton’s personality</u>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <u>Able to express ideas through his word choice (being careful) (wants Charity to come to him)</u> ● <u>Asimov warns about the dangers of technology</u>
	Concluding Sentence	Emphasizes that technology can be abused for the unethical activities.
Third Body Paragraph	Topic Sentence	<u>Asimov creates an unexpected plot twist to introduce Joe's betrayal.</u>
	Explanation of ts Lead-in Claim	<u>Plot Twist</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <u>Joe turned against his creator by setting up his arrest</u>
	Textual Evidence (Quote/Paraphrase) (In-text citation)	<u>"they came to arrest him on grounds of malfeasance in office"</u> (Asimov, para. 29)
	Commentary Analysis Warrant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <u>"Arrest him" Joe's betrayal is a symbolism of how technology may take over humans in the future</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <u>Milton underestimated Joe's capabilities</u> ○ <u>irony - Joe is supposed to help his creator, not harm him. His creation backfired at him.</u> ○ <u>Joe holds no empathy and sympathy for Milton - Lack of conscience</u>
	Concluding Sentence	<u>Emphasizes the harmful effects of relying on technology and how technology can become a problem in the future.</u>
Conclusion	Reiterate Thesis	<u>Technology can be both useful and harmful depending on how it is used</u>
	Extended Argument	<u>Usage of Advanced Technology</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <u>harmful - can be used for unethical activities and may backfire</u> ● <u>useful - improve life and meet human demands</u>
	Importance of the Text	<u>Technology is relevant today and the future because of how fast it is advancing as well as its effects on humans.</u>

