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Title of Essay _____

Analysis Essay

Criteria for Grade

Main idea

Is the main idea clearly stated, interesting, and well-worded? Is the topic discussed in an engaging, forceful and aesthetic way? *Does the main idea encapsulate the body of the essay, or does it lack focus?*

Organization and Development of Paragraphs and Supporting Detail

Do the ideas expressed in the essay show insight into the works as well as careful and logical thinking? Are the statements made about the work supported by coherent detail and quotations from the work? Are the quotations clearly relevant and explained? Are the details of the paragraphs well-organized, clearly stated and fluid? Is the introduction arresting and well-developed? Does the conclusion provide a satisfying, non-repetitious and logical cadence or closing to the essay?

Sentence Structure

Are the sentences forceful and free of unnecessary words, phrases and clauses? Are they natural and free from awkward expressions and slang? Do they express ideas concretely, definitely and specifically? Are the sentences aesthetic?

Word Choice

Are the words fitting, interesting and aesthetic?

Formatting, Grammar, Usage and Spelling

Are there any errors in grammar, punctuation, usage or spelling? Is the essay double spaced in 12 pt. times new roman or similar font? Are the name and date in the upper right hand corner of the paper? Is this essay paper free of smudges and tears and neatly attached to the grade sheet?

Content

Are the ideas expressed in the essay original and well thought out?

Main idea ____ (15)

Organization and Development of Supporting Detail ____ (15)

Sentence structure (see opposite page) ____ (15)

Word choice ____ (15)

Grammar, Usage and Spelling (see opposite page) ____ (15)

Content ____ (25)

Total Score _____