

Literary Analysis Rubric

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Ideas	The creative and original essay shows a deep understanding of theme, plot, characterization and other elements of literary analysis providing direct references from the literary work.	The creative and original essay shows an understanding of theme, plot, characterization and other elements of literary analysis providing appropriate references from the literary work.	The creative and original essay shows some understanding of theme, plot, characterization and other elements of literary analysis providing appropriate references from the literary work.	The essay shows little or inaccurate understanding of theme, plot, characterization and other elements of literary analysis providing a few inappropriate references from the literary work.	The essay shows no understanding of theme, plot, characterization, and other elements of literary analysis. No references to the literary work are used in the essay. Shows no originality or creativity.
Organization	The essay provides a clear focus, provides exceptionally clear supporting details and reaffirms the focus of the essay.	The essay provides a clear focus, strong supporting details and reaffirms the focus of the essay.	The focus of the essay is not entirely clear, supporting details are generally clear, and the conclusion recalls the focus of the essay.	The focus of the essay is not clear, lacking in supporting details and the conclusion does not echo the focus stated.	No position is given, no supporting details are provided and the essay does not state a conclusion.
Voice	The writer's voice is clear, consistent, and sincere. Voice is exceptionally appropriate for the intended audience.	The writer's voice is consistent and sincere. Voice is appropriate for the intended audience.	The writer's voice is somewhat consistent but sincerity is not obvious. Voice is generally appropriate for the intended audience.	The writer's voice is not always consistent and sincerity may be lacking. Writer's voice is sometimes inappropriate for audience.	Writer's voice is not consistent or sincere. Voice is not appropriate for subject matter or audience. Shows insensitivity to subject.
Word Choice	Word choice is exceptionally precise, vivid, and effective.	Word choice is generally precise and accurate.	Word choices reflect thought but are not always precise or accurate.	Word choices reflect some thought but are often not precise or accurate.	Word choices are not precise or accurate. Sentences and paragraphs may not flow.
Sentence Fluency	Sentences vary. Ideas are clearly and smoothly connected.	Sentences vary somewhat. Ideas are generally clear and connected.	Sentences vary somewhat but could use more variation. Ideas not always connected.	Sentences only occasionally vary. Ideas are only occasionally connected.	Sentences rarely vary. Ideas are rarely connected.
Conventions	All words spelled correctly, no errors in English usage, grammar or punctuation. No errors in capitalization.	Almost all words spelled correctly, almost no errors in English usage, grammar or punctuation. Almost no errors in capitalization.	Some spelling errors occur. Some errors in English usage, grammar or punctuation. Some errors in capitalization.	Spelling errors may impede understanding. Errors in English usage, grammar or punctuation may impede understanding. Errors in capitalization may intrude understanding.	Numerous spelling errors prevent understanding. Numerous errors in usage, grammar, and punctuation impede understanding. Numerous errors in capitalization impede understanding.

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