

Analytical Reading Essay

This assignment requires you to write an interpretive essay based on your close reading of literary text. Your essay must be 3-4 pages long and it must follow MLA formatting and citation rules. Please select one of the prompts below to compose your essay:

1. In Gabriel Garcia Marquez's "Big Mama's Funeral," how is satire used to ridicule the image of a dictator?
2. In Chimamanda Adichie's "A Private Experience," in what ways did the encounter between Chika and the woman during a riot affect Chika?
3. In Albert Camus' "The Guest," in letting the prisoner he was in charge with go, did the schoolteacher make the best decision based on the circumstances in the story?
4. In Leo Tolstoy's "The Death of Ivan Ilych," why does Ivan Ilych have so much difficulty accepting his own mortality? In what ways does he avoid thinking about it or acknowledging it?
5. In Orhan Pamuk's "To Look Out the Window," what do we learn about the devastation and pain the young boy's father left behind when he abandoned his family?