

Literary Analysis Grading Rubric

This is how your literary analysis will be graded.

- _____ The analysis presents interesting ideas and a compelling perspective.
- _____ The paper contains a clear, perceptive, arguable thesis (not a moral or summary).
- _____ The thesis statement aligns with the thesis statement guidelines provided.
- _____ The thesis is compelling and insightful.
- _____ The thesis statement is supported by relevant quotes and specific details.
- _____ The length of the paper conforms to the assignment instructions.
- _____ Clear transitions move the reader from one point or idea to the next.
- _____ There is at least one quote or supporting reference in every body paragraph that points back to the thesis.
- _____ References are cited correctly.
- _____ Supporting excerpts and quotes support the thesis appropriately.
- _____ Quotes are introduced and explained in the writer's own words.
- _____ Quotes and textual support are blended smoothly, with correct tenses and formatting.
- _____ The paper shows variety and specific description in vocabulary.
- _____ The writer's voice is appropriate to the audience and the purpose of the paper.
- _____ The sentences are blended and varied to create an engaging, readable message.
- _____ Spelling and capitalization are correct throughout.
- _____ The conclusion summarizes the details of the body paragraphs and reinforces the thesis.
- _____ The writer has been convincing and has proven his or her thesis.

- 5 Exceeds the requirement and demonstrates mastery in this area
- 4 Completed expectations and demonstrates competence in this area
- 3 Meets expectations and demonstrates an understanding of the assignment
- 2 Below expectations in either following instructions or in effort
- 1 Displays a lack of understanding or discipline; this should become a goal area for improvement

Total possible points: 100