

How to write a  
**Critical Lens Essay**

**Introduction**

- Introduce the quotation** and who said it
- Explain the meaning** of the quotation in your own words
- Is this **quote true**?
- List 2 texts** (high school level) that prove whether the quotation is true or untrue  
(include titles and authors)

**Body Paragraphs 1, 2, and 3**

- Claim-** How does (Literary Term) used in the texts prove the quotation true or untrue?
- Text Evidence-** Evidence from the text that supports the topic sentence of this paragraph.
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- Transition sentence-** A sentence that connects the topic of the paragraph to the next.

**Conclusion**

- Summary** of your argument
- Statement on the **broader implications/application** of the quotation

<b>Literary Terms to Use</b>		
-Characterization	-Narrator	-Foil
-Theme	-Allusion	-Foreshadowing
-Setting	-Parallelism	-Flashback
-Point of View	-Dialogue	-Irony
-Conflict	-Motif	-Plot Structure
-Symbolism	-Antagonist	-Tone
	-Protagonist	-Mood

Tips: \*Choose to write about something you know. Don't take risks on a test.

\*\*Make sure you are always clear which text you are referring to.

\*\*\*Proofread your work when you are finished.