**Literary Analysis Essays**

**Literary Analysis Essay: Evaluating and Revising**

1. Are the author and the title named in your introduction? Highlight the author and title.
2. Does the introduction have a clear thesis? Underline the thesis statement.
3. Is the main idea of each paragraph clear and does it support the thesis? Underline the main ideas.
4. Is the main idea of each paragraph supported with evidence from the work? Bold each supporting detail or direct quote.
5. Does your conclusion restate the thesis without repeating it word-for word? Highlight the sentence that restates the thesis.

**Literary Analysis Essay: Criteria**

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| Score 4: Demonstrates advanced success | Score 3: Demonstrates competent success | Score 2: Demonstrates limited success | Score 1: Demonstrates emerging effort |
| Focuses consistently on a clear thesis  -----------  Shows effective organization throughout, with smooth transitions  ------------  Offers thoughtful, creative ideas  -------------  Develops ideas thoroughly, using examples, details, and fully elaborated explanations  -------------  Exhibits mature control of written language | Focuses on a clear thesis with minor distractions  -------------  Shows effective organization with minor lapses  --------------  Offers mostly thoughtful ideas  --------------  Develops ideas adequately, a mixture of general and specific elaborations  ------------------  Exhibits general control of written language | Includes some loosely related ideas that distract from the writer’s focus.  ----------  Shows some organization with noticeable gaps in the logical flow if ideas  --------------  Offers routine predictable ideas  ------------  Develops ideas with uneven elaboration  -------------  Exhibits limited control of written language | Shows little awareness of the topic and purpose of writing  ------------  Lacks organization  -------------  Offers unclear and confusing ideas  ---------------  Develops ideas in a minimal way (if at all)  -------------  Exhibits major problems with control of written language |

**Rating:** Write a 1 paragraph explanation for the score you have selected using the specific criteria.