

Evaluation of Literary Essay

Student: _____

1. Title indicates content of paper and attracts the reader's interest.	1	2	3	4	5
2. Introduction clearly and interestingly sets up the topic and presents the thesis.	4	8	12	16	20
3. Thesis is clearly and precisely stated.	2	4	6	8	10
4. Thesis is developed and argued sufficiently with supporting details and specific examples from the text(s). Literary interpretation is intelligently and logically supported with textual evidence and secondary criticism	60	70	80	90	100
5. Essay shows some originality of thought. It does more than give plot summary.	4	8	12	16	20
6. Textual evidence from primary works and, when used, information taken from secondary sources whether quoted or paraphrased, are incorporated smoothly, clearly, and appropriately.	4	8	12	16	20
7. MLA documentation style has been used correctly to document both primary and secondary sources used in the paper. Works Cited page and bibliographical entries on it have been formatted correctly.			10	20	30
8. The required number of secondary sources are used.	1	2	3	4	5
9. Overall organization of the paper is logical.	4	8	12	16	20
10. Coherence is maintained through appropriate transitions, strong topic sentences, and overall sentence clarity.	4	8	12	16	20
11. Ending paragraph satisfactorily concludes the essay.	4	8	12	16	20
12. Language conventions (grammar, spelling, punctuation) are correct.			10	20	30
13. Number of pages short _____	0	-25	-50	-75	-100

300 points possible _____