

# Literary Analysis Essay Rubric

## Requirements:

- A clear introduction, body, and conclusion; a multi-paragraph essay (structure)
- A clear theme statement in full-sentence form at the end of the introduction (addressing the prompt)
- 3 literary elements/devices used to prove the theme; one paragraph for each; do not chunk them into one giant paragraph (addressing the prompt and structure)
- At least two examples for each element/device and a quote (textual evidence) to support each example (support)
- An obvious topic sentence for each body paragraphs, which refers back to the theme and introduces the literary element/device in that paragraph (structure)
- Transition language in topic sentences and thesis statement to create a cohesive draft (structure)

	<b>Required Structure</b>	<b>Clear Theme</b>	<b>3 Literary Elements</b>	<b>6 Examples</b>	<b>6 Quotes</b>
<b>Excellent requirements; went beyond expectations</b>					
<b>Good requirements; at grade level</b>					
<b>Fair requirements; below grade level but show growth</b>					
<b>Evidence of a struggle with the requirement that needs further work</b>					
<b>Unacceptable requirement and/or lack of effort to follow directions</b>					

# Literary Elements and Devices to Consider:

Symbolism

Characterization

Irony

Conflict

Setting

Imagery

Plot Development

Structure

Tone

Mood

Motifs and Archetypes

Style (especially diction and syntax in the dialogue)