

English Final Writing Project

Complete a literature response essay on the novel _____ focused on **character analysis**. Choose one of the main characters in the novel, and elaborate on his/her most important character traits and how those traits influenced the plot or the theme of the novel. Follow guidelines given in class for proper citation of textual support. A few guiding questions for your essay are the following:

- What are the defining traits of this character?
- How does the character change over time?
- How do the character traits and actions influence the theme or the plot of the novel?

Please refer to rubric on the back of the handout . Also, refer to the handouts given in class regarding responses to literature essays in general, and character analysis in particular.

Name _____ Date _____

Organizer for Character Analysis

Character: _____

Character trait #1	Textual evidence
Character trait #2	Textual evidence
Character trait #3	Textual evidence

Influence of the character on the plot:

Textual evidence

Influence of the character on the theme:

Textual evidence

Elements of a Response to Literature Essay Character Analysis

To analyze a character, you examine the following:

- What does the character **do** in the novel?
- What does the character **say**?
- What do **other** characters **say** about him/her?

Introductory paragraph:

- Hook
- Title of Selection
- Genre
- Brief summary
- Thesis statement-name your character and three predominant traits

Body paragraphs

- Describe one character trait
- Example/quote that supports the character trait
- Explanation about how the example/quote supports the character trait
- Transition words and phrases
- You need at least three character traits/three body paragraphs

Concluding paragraph

- Restatement of thesis statement
- Summary of main points
- Personal reflection/connection