**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?
* How does the author **describe** the character?

**Introductory paragraph:**

* Hook
* Title of Selection
* 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
* Be sure to explain why this trait is significant. How does it affect what happens in the novel?
* You need at least three character traits/three body paragraphs

**Concluding paragraph**

* Restatement of thesis statement
* Summary of main points
* Personal reflection/connection – “So what?”