

Essay First Draft Directions

Please read and follow directions carefully. Adhere exactly to the outline.

Write a 2-page **thesis-driven** essay that applies *one* of the quotations about literature (Scroll down to view quotes) to one of the stories you have read so far (“the Most Handsome Drowned Man,” “Salvation,” “Araby,” “the Story of an Hour,” “The Necklace,” or “Another Evening at the Club”).

OUTLINE

Original Title

(Try to make it interesting!)

Introduction

- Begin your essay with the exact, word-for-word quote you have chosen.
- In your own words, restate the quote.
- In a one-sentence thesis-statement, express how the quote relates to the story you have chosen. Include the title and author of the story.

Body

- Give a brief (1-3-sentence) overview of what happens in the story (plot).
- Support your thesis (how the story embodies your chosen quote) with details from the story.

Conclusion

- Restate (not repeat) your **thesis**.
- Sum up your main ideas.

Work Cited Page

- Include a separate Work Cited page following MLA format. (Citations are given on the following page).

Academic Integrity Pledge

- Write a brief statement in which you tell in your own words why plagiarism is dishonest and pledge that you have not engaged in it.

Citations for the stories:

Notice that a hanging indent should be used. Double space and indent each line after the first line.

Chopin, Kate. "The Story of an Hour". Commonlit.org. CommonLit.

<https://www.commonlit.org/en/texts/story-of-an-hour>

De Maupassant, Guy. "The Necklace." Commonlit.org. CommonLit.

<https://www.commonlit.org/en/texts/the-necklace>

Hughes, Langston. "Salvation." *The Center for Fiction.org*. Web.

Joyce, James. "Araby." Commonlit.org. CommonLit.

<https://www.commonlit.org/en/texts/araby>

Marquez, Gabriel Garcia. "The Most Handsome Drowned Man in the World." *An*

Introduction to Fiction. Eds. X.J. Kennedy and Dana Gioia. New York: Pearson

Longman, 2007. 536-540.

Rifaat, Alifa. "Another Evening at the Club." *Arabic Short Stories*, translated by Denys Johnson-

Davies, University of California Press, Berkeley, 1994.

For in-text citation, place the last name of the author in parenthesis. Include page numbers only if they are available. Do not use commas; e.g. (Joyce) or (Joyce 3)

Scroll down for the quotes you can choose from.



Literature is painting, architecture,
and music.

— *Yevgeny Zamiatin* —

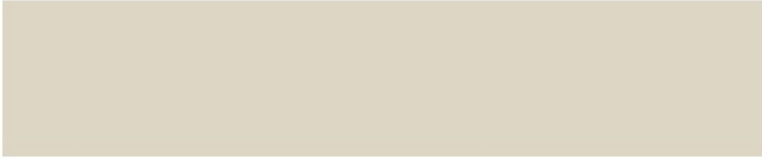
AZ QUOTES



**Literature adds to reality, it
does not simply describe it.**

C. S. Lewis

 quote fancy



**IT TAKES A GREAT
DEAL OF HISTORY
TO PRODUCE A
LITTLE LITERATURE**

HENRY JAMES

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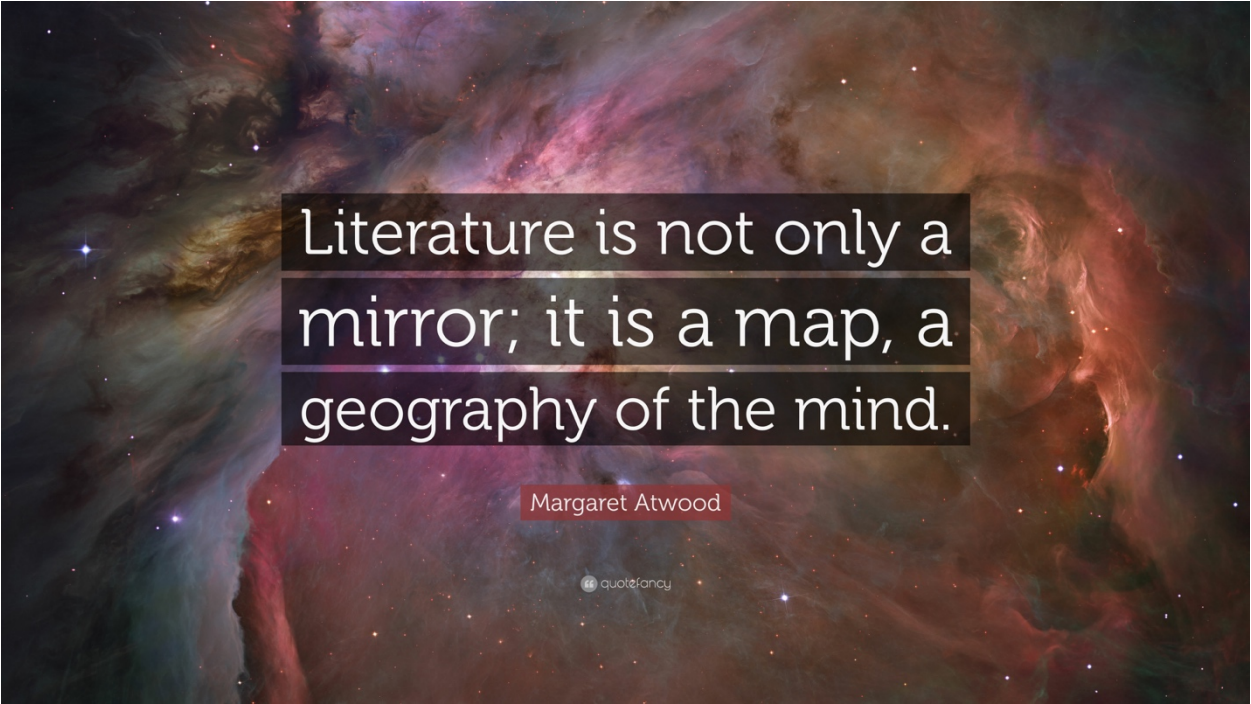
PICTUREQUOTES



English literature is a kind of training in social ethics. English trains you to handle a body of information in a way that is conducive to action.

— *Marilyn Butler* —

AZ QUOTES



Literature is not only a
mirror; it is a map, a
geography of the mind.

Margaret Atwood

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Literature is the art of
discovering something
extraordinary about
ordinary people, and
saying with ordinary
words something
extraordinary.

Boris Pasternak