

Essay 3 Directions

During the semester you have participated in numerous discussion boards with a wide variety of respondents from two sections of ENG 201. For this assignment, you should return to one of these discussions and develop your most compelling post into a 2-3-page “thesis driven” essay. “Thesis driven” means that the essay is focused on *one clear central idea*. In this case, the thesis will be **your opinion**.

For example, maybe you had a different interpretation of a work of literature from another student, which you defended in your post. Maybe you made some interesting and original point that you feel could be expanded upon. In either case, your thesis will be **your opinion**, supported by details and quotes from the story, play, or poem. Do not write a purely informational essay. Internet research is not encouraged. This is an exercise in critical thinking.

Please be sure to identify the week of the discussion.

- Use present verb tense when writing about literature.
- Do not wander from your thesis (main idea).
- Offer analysis and interpretation; do not simply retell the story.
- Do not wander from your thesis (main idea)
- Follow classic essay structure: introduction, body, and conclusion.
- Do not wander from your thesis (main idea).
- Include at least two direct quotes from the work of literature.
- Do not wander from your thesis (main idea)
- Give your essay a good title
- Do not wander from your thesis (main idea)
- Use correct MLA format throughout the essay. See formatting guide and video.
- Cite correctly for quoted material.
- Do not wander from your thesis (main idea)

- Sign the Academic Integrity Pledge (Pledge appears below Choice B information.)
- Before submitting, please read this [entire document](#) and check your essay with this list of requirements.

Academic Integrity Pledge

In order to be graded, all essays must contain a signed Academic Integrity pledge. On the Work Cited page, please include the following and type your name.

I hereby pledge that the information in this essay is my own original work and that all phrases or quotes taken from other sources have been correctly identified via quotation marks/in-text citation. YOUR NAME

General Outline for Essay

Original Title

Introduction

- Identification of title of work of literature and author under discussion
- Very brief (1 or 2 sentences) overview of your chosen post from the Db
- *Thesis Statement (your opinion)*

Body

- Topic sentences to introduce the main idea of *each* paragraph
- *Development of thesis* with reference to scenes in the story
- Inclusion of at least two direct quotations from the story

Conclusion

- Restatement of thesis (not repetition)
- Encapsulation of main ideas
- Satisfying ending

Work Cited

Cite the website or book for your source, using correct MLA format

Works Cited entries will vary depending on your source. For example, for CommonLit sources the following Work Cited entry would look like the citation below (Of course, you will have to modify author, title, URL and access date for each different story or poem). I used "Araby" as an example. Below this you will find the citation for "A White Heron."

Notice that a hanging indent should be used. Indent each line after the first line.

Hughes, Langston. "Salvation." The Center for Fiction.org. Web. Accessed 00 Month 2020.

Jewitt, Sarah Orne. "A White Heron." LearningEnglish.com. Accessed 00 Month 2019.

Joyce, James. "A&P." *CommonLit.org*. CommonLit,
<https://www.commonlit.org/en/texts/a-p>. Accessed 00 Month 2019.

In-text citation: Include parenthetical citation (author's last name) in the body of the essay or just the page number if you have already identified the author in the sentence. If there is no page number, just use the author's last name; for example: (Joyce).