

Ten-Point Rubric – LITERARY ANALYSIS

9-10 – Both a 9 and a 10 contain the following elements. A 10 also elicits a “Wow.”

- An interesting and cohesive intro stating the form and/or genre, title, author and a thesis (which is often the central theme)
- Two or more body paragraphs, each analyzing a different literary element or device and using a plethora of evidence
- A conclusion that restates key claims and the thesis
- Strong voice and sense of style
- Distinctive syntax
- Sophisticated diction
- Facility with mechanics

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- An intro stating the form and/or genre, title, author and a thesis (which is often the central theme)
- Two or more body paragraphs, each analyzing a different literary element or device and using sufficient evidence
- A conclusion that restates key claims and the thesis
- Strong voice and sense of style OR
- Distinctive syntax OR
- Sophisticated diction OR
- Facility with mechanics

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- An intro stating the form and/or genre, title, author and a thesis (which is often the central theme)
- Two or more body paragraphs, each analyzing a different literary element or device and using a modicum of evidence
- A conclusion that restates key claims and the thesis
- Limited sense of style AND/OR
- Syntax that is unvaried AND/OR
- Diction that is basic AND/OR
- Mechanics that are flawed

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- An intro stating the form and/or genre, title, author and a thesis (which is often the central theme)
- Two or more body paragraphs, each mentioning a different literary element or device and using some evidence
- A conclusion that restates key claims and the thesis
- Limited sense of style AND/OR
- Syntax that is unvaried AND/OR
- Diction that is basic AND/OR
- Mechanics that are super flawed

4-5 – Both a 4 and a 5 contain the following elements. The difference is in matter of degree.

- A thesis
- One or more body paragraphs that mention a literary element or device and provide some semblance of evidence
- A conclusion OR
- Strong voice and sense of style OR
- Distinctive syntax OR
- Interesting diction OR
- Partial facility with mechanics or at least an earnest attempt by an English Language Learner

3 – Thesis and mention of one element or device only;

2 – Thesis only;

1 – Some attempt at writing, but off-topic