

American Lit In-class Essay Assignment 04/08/09

Write a 600+ word multi-paragraph analysis essay regarding one of the narratives in the last issue of the *Nitrometer*.

“Priscilla with Wings” by Oscar Jimenez

Or

“Lunch Hour” by Jessie Van Amburg

Follow this outline:

- I. Intro with title, author, genre and theme (write the theme in sentence form like “we should be loyal to our family members, no matter the personal cost...”)
- II. Very short description or summary (OPTIONAL)
- III. Analysis of a literary element (character, setting, point of view, basic plot structure) or device (symbolism, figurative language, irony, flashbacks, foreshadowing and other plot devices) or style (diction, syntax, tone)
- IV. Analysis of another literary element (character, setting, point of view, basic plot structure) or device (symbolism, figurative language, irony, flashbacks, foreshadowing and other plot devices) or style (diction, syntax, tone)
- V. Analysis of another literary element (character, setting, point of view, basic plot structure) or device (symbolism, figurative language, irony, flashbacks, foreshadowing and other plot devices) or style (diction, syntax, tone)
- VI. Relate the text to your life, to another text or to the world at large (OPTIONAL)
- VII. Conclusion, which restates the theme

HINT: For genre, write “dramatic short story” or “autobiographical short story” or something similar based upon your interpretation.

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