

Analytical Essay Criteria Sheet

<u>Criterion</u>	<u>Points Possible</u>	<u>Self Evaluation</u>	<u>Points earned</u>
MLA Style Header (in upper Left hand corner: Your Name, Teacher's Name, Name of course, date)	2	_____	_____
Focused Title (top center of page)	1	_____	_____
Introduction which includes story title (quoted) and Author's name	3	_____	_____
Thesis Statement	3	_____	_____
Spelling Watch out for confusion between there and their, than and then, its and it's, a lot is actually two words, all right is also two words, always spell check, etc.	5	_____	_____
Sentence Structure Watch out for run-on sentences, sentence splices, sentence fragments, awkwardness, wordiness, etc. Strive for variety in sentence structure.	6	_____	_____
Misc. Presentation Use present tense. Avoid drifting into past tense. Double space and use one side of the page only. Keep your voice formal by leaving out contractions as well as any references to "I" or "You". Avoid sloppy presentation.	8	_____	_____
Blocked quotations (set up, citation and warrant)	5	_____	_____
Internal quotations (set up, citation, and warrant)	5	_____	_____
Strong topic sentences (that explain ideas in the thesis and do not rely on plot summary)	6	_____	_____
Self Evaluation Fill out both sides of this criteria sheet. Use real sentences for the "contents" part on the back. Comment on how long you worked, what you think your strengths/weaknesses are, etc.	6	_____	_____
Total for Mechanics	50	_____	_____

Contents (50 points) This space is for your self evaluation of your essay. Be thorough and honest.

Important criteria for this section include: how clear, focused and interesting your thesis statement is; how well you develop and support your thesis statement; how coherent your paper is; how well you use specific support from the text; how well you avoid merely summarizing the text; how good your conclusion is; how strong your voice is. If you had particular problems or frustrations with this paper, this would be a good place to note those as well.

Have you taken time to write more than one draft? Did you stay focused in your paper? Perhaps most important, did you have someone proofread this for you? Here is the place for you to write how you really feel about the paper you have written.

Contents points: _____/50 Mechanics points: _____/50 Total: _____ Grade: _____