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CRITERIA FOR ANALYZING LITERATURE An analytical essay is an essay about a piece of literature that makes an original argument (thesis/claim) and supports it with examples and quotes. It is not solely a summary, book review or reflective piece of writing about why you liked or didn't like a book.		Exceeds Standard	Meets Standard	Approaches Standard	Missing or Unacceptable
Quality of Response 60 points total					
10 points	Comprehension: Does this paper show depth of understanding and an ability to interpret what is read?	10 ✓	9	8	
20 points	Summary: Does the writer include the author, title, main characters, setting, and a very short summary of the text?	20 ✓	18	16	
10 points	Thesis/Claim (R10.1, 10.2, 10.3, W10.1) Does the thesis/claim clearly identify the main argument of the paper? Next steps: The argument is original and engaging, extending beyond this specific piece of literature.	10 ✓	9	8	
20 points	Evidence: (W10.9) Does the writer clearly support his or her thesis using examples from the text? Does the writer use and explain at least one quote from the text?	20 ✓	18	16	
Organization 21 points total					
(W-1, W-3) 8 points	Does each paragraph have a main idea and a topic sentence?	8 ✓	6	5	
7 points	Introduction: Does the writer provide a roadmap for the paper, previewing the main ideas? Next steps: Does the writer use a question, quotation, anecdote, strong statement or other hook to engage the reader?	7 ✓	5	4.5	
3 points	Transitions (W10.1c) Does the writer use transition words and transition sentences?	3 ✓	2	1	
3 points	Conclusion (W10.1.e) Does the writer end the essay with a summary statement that leaves the reader satisfied? Next steps: circle back to the beginning, further questions to think about.	3 ✓	2	1.5	
Writing Strategies 19 points total					
10 points	Conventions and format (L10.1, L10.2) Is the writing clean, clear, and relatively free of errors? Is the paper in MLA format? Are quotes properly cited? Is the title underlined or in italics?	10 ✓	9	8.5	
6 points	Word choice & voice (L10.6) Does the writer use active verbs, and precise vocabulary to convey meaning? Next steps: unique expression of ideas, exciting phrases	6 ✓	5	4	
3 points	Sentence Variety Do sentences vary in length and structure?	3 ✓	2	1.5	

Comments:

Outstanding! Well-organized, well-written!

TO BE PORTFOLIO WORTHY, GRADE MUST BE ABOVE 80 AND EACH CATEGORY MUST MEET STANDARD; REVISION IS ENCOURAGED IN ORDER TO MAKE THIS PORTFOLIO WORTHY.

This may be used in Portfolio for ELA 10, Q1: _____