

Novel Analysis FAQ

Q: What is the topic of the essay?

A: Examples of literary elements and how these examples explore or explain the theme/main idea of the text.

Q: Is textual evidence required in the paper?

A: Yes

Q: How much textual evidence is required or expected?

A: 3-4 different types of textual evidence of your literary terms and how they are used in the text to explore/explain the theme/main theme

Q: Is there a different theme for different sections?

A: There will only be ONE theme needed per quarter.

Q: How many sentences should there be in a paragraph?

A: At least 4-5

Q: How should we begin our essay?

A: First sentence should include title of novel, author of text, and your thesis (ex. **In the novel, *All American Boys* by Jason Reynolds and Brendan Kiely, they use metaphor, characterization, and conflict to explain how minorities suffer mental turmoil that surpasses the conception of majority cultures.**)

Q: Do we need to handwrite or type this essay?

A: Must be typed (12-point font)

Q: Should it be double-spaced, MLA-formatted?

A: Double-spaced, yes; MLA (heading and spacing ONLY)

Q: Can we turn it in early? Is it accepted late?

A: Yes, but be sure it's right, and there are no extra points.

A: No, unless you have an excused absence.

Q: Where can we find information that will help with MLA formatting?

A: https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/research_and_citation/mla_style/mla_formatting_and_style_guide/mla_formatting_and_style_guide.html

Q: What is the email address to send the paper to?

A: kira.reid@dcssga.org