

## Character Analysis Essay

Choose a character and discuss how that character's personality, weakness, and/ or relationships affect the theme of the story.

Once you have selected a topic on which to write, you are to compose a thesis and **HAVE IT APPROVED BY ME**, plan and organize an outline.

The paper must have all of the following:

- an approved thesis—one that asserts something notable about one of the above topics and one that can be supported by evidence from the novel;
- organization—your essay should be organized in a thoughtful, logical way;
- support from the novel and adequate and appropriate explanation—your text evidence should be embedded correctly and explained thoroughly as to how it supports your thesis;
- rhetorical shift(s)—in which you explore a viewpoint that directly contradicts your thesis without weakening it;
- fluid transitions between sentences, paragraphs, thoughts;
- an adherence to spelling, capitalization, grammar and usage rules;
- variety in sentence structure, appropriate and sophisticated diction.

The essay must be written in class, but you may bring and use an outline.