**Checklist for Literary Analysis Essay**Before you turn in your literary analysis, you need check off the following reminders to make sure you included them in your paper. Following this checklist will make your paper much better!

INTRODUCTION

* \_\_\_\_\_\_ Did you include the title and author’s name?
* \_\_\_\_\_\_ Did you italicize or underline the title? (Do NOT put quotation marks   
   around book titles!)
* \_\_\_\_\_\_ Is your thesis the very last sentence in your introduction?
* \_\_\_\_\_\_ Is this paragraph ALL in present tense?
* \_\_\_\_\_\_ Did you have strong, specific word choice?
* \_\_\_\_\_\_ Did you make sure you DON’T have any sentences in first person?
* \_\_\_\_\_\_ Did you avoid asking questions?

BODY PARAGRAPH #1

* \_\_\_\_\_\_ Is your topic sentence the very first sentence for each body   
   paragraph?
* \_\_\_\_\_\_ Is this paragraph ALL in present tense?
* \_\_\_\_\_\_ Did you make sure you DON’T have any sentences in first person?
* \_\_\_\_\_\_ Did you include around 2 in-text citations that have both an   
   introductory sentence/phrase and a sentence that sums up the quote   
   afterwards?
* \_\_\_\_\_\_ Did you include transitions words to make the words flow better?
* \_\_\_\_\_\_ Did you have strong, specific word choice?
* \_\_\_\_\_\_ Is your last sentence in the paragraph tied back to the thesis?
* \_\_\_\_\_\_ Did you avoid asking questions?

BODY PARAGRAPH #2

* \_\_\_\_\_\_ Is your topic sentence the very first sentence for each body   
   paragraph?
* \_\_\_\_\_\_ Is this paragraph ALL in present tense?
* \_\_\_\_\_\_ Did you make sure you DON’T have any sentences in first person?
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   introductory sentence/phrase and a sentence that sums up the quote   
   afterwards?
* \_\_\_\_\_\_ Did you include transitions words to make the words flow better?
* \_\_\_\_\_\_ Did you have strong, specific word choice?
* \_\_\_\_\_\_ Is your last sentence in the paragraph tied back to the thesis?
* \_\_\_\_\_\_ Did you avoid asking questions?

BODY PARAGRAPH #3

* \_\_\_\_\_\_ Is your topic sentence the very first sentence for each body   
   paragraph?
* \_\_\_\_\_\_ Is this paragraph ALL in present tense?
* \_\_\_\_\_\_ Did you make sure you DON’T have any sentences in first person?
* \_\_\_\_\_\_ Did you include around 2 in-text citations that have both an   
   introductory sentence/phrase and a sentence that sums up the quote   
   afterwards?
* \_\_\_\_\_\_ Did you include transitions words to make the words flow better?
* \_\_\_\_\_\_ Did you have strong, specific word choice?
* \_\_\_\_\_\_ Is your last sentence in the paragraph tied back to the thesis?
* \_\_\_\_\_\_ Did you avoid asking questions?

CONCLUSION

* \_\_\_\_\_\_ Is this paragraph ALL in present tense?
* \_\_\_\_\_\_ Did you sum up your thesis statement?
* \_\_\_\_\_\_ Did you make sure you DON’T have any sentences in first person?
* \_\_\_\_\_\_ Did you have strong, specific word choice?
* \_\_\_\_\_\_ Is your last sentence strong?
* \_\_\_\_\_\_ Did you avoid asking questions?

BIBLIOGRAPHY

* \_\_\_\_\_\_ Did you properly cite the novel in the bibliography?

ALMOST DONE…

* \_\_\_\_\_\_ Did you avoid using run-on sentences and comma splices?
* \_\_\_\_\_\_ Did you spell check?
* \_\_\_\_\_\_ Did you reread your paper multiple times?
* \_\_\_\_\_\_ Did you avoid asking questions?
* \_\_\_\_\_\_ Is this one of the best papers you’ve ever written?