

Literary Essay: Overview & Submission Requirements

ESSAY PROMPT

For this assignment, you will write a 5-paragraph literary analysis essay on one of the following characters in *The Breadwinner*. Each of these characters displays great courage in her choices. Select one character and explain how she displays courage throughout the story.

Parvana Mother (Fatana) Nooria Mrs. Weera Shauzia

A literary analysis essay is not a story summary or a book report. You can assume that your audience is familiar with the story, so there is no need to retell it at length. Instead, the purpose of your paper is to prove an argument, in this case, how you know that a character is courageous. A literary analysis essay is essentially a persuasive essay that proves your opinion about some element of a story.

***Literary Analysis Essays always use “Literary Present Tense” (as though it is happening now). See Weebly resource page for examples!**

Assignment #1 Thesis

Using a blank page, go through a brainstorming process to decide which character you will write about and what three ‘prongs’ you will prove. In developing your thesis, remember that the courage of your character is the topic. Your three controlling ideas (prongs) will offer arguments of how your character shows courage.

Remember, a thesis must use strong, clear wording that presents your topic to the reader, provides your opinion on that topic, and summarizes the three main arguments (prongs) you will make in the body paragraphs of your paper. Bring your thesis to class after revising it with a parent. The thesis will be approved (or revised) in class. This assignment can be neatly handwritten or typed.

Assignment #2 Keyword (phrase) Outline (printed from Weebly)

This assignment will be started in class and finished at home with the guidance of a parent.

What evidence will you use to prove your arguments? Literary characters are known in three ways: their own words, their actions, and what other characters (or the narrator) say about them. All of this evidence is inside the only source you need to research – the novel. Therefore, all evidence for this essay will be direct quotes from the book. For the outline, add a note summarizing the quote along with the proper citation and page number (so you can find it later).

Assignment #3 Body Paragraphs

MLA document with a Creative Title, the Thesis typed at the top and underlined, and the three body paragraphs typed in order underneath. Remember to indent each new paragraph! Check to see if all TAECTAECC sentences are present and accounted for!

Assignment #4 Introduction, Conclusion, Work Cited Page:

MLA document with both paragraphs typed out fully. The thesis becomes the last line of the introduction, and no longer needs to be underlined. The Work Cited page should be a second page with only a header in the upper right corner. There will only be one citation for this paper, so title it ‘Work Cited’ (singular).

FINAL DRAFT

Before you begin, schedule a time with a parent to revise your final draft together. This is a lengthy essay. Plan extra time for revisions.

Edit your final essay draft

Step 1: Following the tutor’s feedback on your drafts, make the necessary edits and revisions as you assemble your work into essay form.

Step 2: Work with a parent to edit and revise your essay according to the parent checklist, and have them check your work again.

Step 3: Read through your full essay one more time – OUT LOUD. If satisfied, you have now completed the final draft and are ready to submit.

Submit your essay as follows:

- Submit a digital copy to Turnitin by class time on the due date. You may only upload once. Do not upload until you are completely finished making all revisions.
- Submit all essay documents in a 2-pocket folder as noted below:

In the right folder pocket, insert the following:

- A *clean, printed copy* of your Final Draft with pages stapled (on top)
- Completed and signed Parent Checklist

In the left folder pocket, insert the following:

- Graded Body Paragraphs
- Graded Intro, Conclusion, Work Cited page