

Drama Literary Review Essay

Length: 500 words (2 pages)

Strategies: When writing the essay, remember to organize your essay as we discussed in class.

A successful essay includes:

- An introduction with a thesis explaining which play you plan to analyze in your essay.
- The body of your essay will include an in depth analysis of one play. You will analyze how the author used the techniques of drama, story, and fiction (including plot, image, voice, character, and/or setting) to achieve the resulting play.
- Remember to write your essay in a clear, logical, and orderly manner.
- Your essay will also have a conclusion.
- Essay must have a Works Cited page and in-text citations in MLA format (9th edition).

Format of Essay:

- Essay will be typed.
- Margins: One inch
- Font: Times New Roman, 12 point
- All pages of the essay should have your last name and the page number in the upper right corner about half an inch from the top of the page.
- Please follow the example on the last page.

Assignment:

Analyze one play from the library or from our textbook. If you are analyzing a play from the library, provide an electronic link so I can reference the play). The essay word count will only include your analysis.

Discuss in detail how the author used techniques of imaginative writing: drama, story and fiction (including plot, image, voice, character, and/or setting) to achieve the resulting published play. Please quote the lines that you are discussing and use words like “dialogue,” “plot,” “scene,” “image,” “voice,” “character,” and/or “setting.” You may need to refer back to the techniques covered in class.

Essay must be in MLA 9 format. For more information on MLA 9 format, please refer to the sources below. All items listed in Works Cited need to be in alphabetical order.

The **Purdue Online Writing Lab** has information on MLA 9 format. Go to:

https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/research_and_citation/mla_style/mla_formatting_and_style_guide/mla_changes_9th_edition.html

Leeward CC MLA 9 Guide. Go to:

<https://guides.leeward.hawaii.edu/citingsources/mla9>

Leeward CC MLA 9 in-text citations. Go to:

<https://guides.leeward.hawaii.edu/citingsources/mla9intext>

I encourage you to visit the Leeward CC Library, James and Abigail Campbell Library (UH West O‘ahu), and the Hamilton Library (UH Manoa). You have a wide variety of plays to select from. Here are some playwrights: Alani Apio, Tammy Haili‘opua Baker, Lee Cataluna, Victoria Nalani Kneubuhl, Darrell Lum, Arthur Miller, Edward Sakamoto, Neil Simon, Lee Tonouchi, Tennessee Williams, August Wilson.

Please include in-text citations and a works cited page similar to your other literary reviews.

Drama Literary Review Rubric:

criteria	exceeds	meets	does not meet
Composition: Good organization and clarity within the essay and within paragraphs.	Demonstrates good composition skills resulting in good organization and clarity within the essay.	Ideas within the essay are understood, but some paragraphs or parts of the essay lack clarity.	Essay is difficult to understand due to lack of organization and clarity within the essay.
Grammar, spelling, word choice, and punctuation	Demonstrates correct use of grammar, spelling, word choice, and punctuation.	Some sentences have grammar, spelling, word choice, and punctuation errors.	Many sentences contain errors in grammar, spelling, word choice, and

			punctuation.
Drama Literary Review	Demonstrates effective analysis of how an author used elements of craft: drama, plot, image, voice, character, setting in the story. Evidence from the story is included.	Some analysis of how an author used elements of craft: drama, plot, image, voice, character, setting in the story (with some evidence from the story) is included.	Analysis is not sufficient. Essay may not be 500 words.
In-text citations and works cited (MLA format)	Ample in-text citations are included. Works cited is included as the last page of the essay. Both in-text citations and works cited are correct.	Some in-text citations are included. Works cited is included as the last page of the essay. Both in-text citations and works cited are correct.	None or not enough in-text citations are included. In-text citations may be incorrect. Works cited page is not included.