Writing Literary Analyses

Revising in Action

Name: _____ Date: _____

Revise with a checklist.
Read each line. When you can answer each question with *yes*, check it off.

Developing Your Ideas

_____ Does your analysis have a strong lead that catches the reader's interest?

_____ Does your thesis statement clearly focus on one or more major elements of the literature?

_____ Does your analysis include thematic details?

_____ Does the topic sentence of each body paragraph name a specific main point that supports the thesis?

_____ Does evidence from the literature provide solid support for your analysis?

_____ Do transition words and phrases connect ideas and create a smooth flow of thought?

_____ Does your writing voice sound knowledgeable and interested?

_____ Do your sentences read smoothly?

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