Literary Analysis Rubric

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| Name: | Rocket Boys: A Memoir | Date: |  |

Use the following checklist to evaluate your work or that of a classmate for the traits of effective writing.

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| 4 | **Stimulating IDEAS** |
|  | ***The writing . . .**** presents a clearly stated thesis that focuses on plot, character, setting, or theme.
* includes specific details and quotations from the text to develop or support the thesis.
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| 4 | **Logical ORGANIZATION** |
|  | ***The writing . . .**** follows a specific pattern of organization: chronological, order of importance, or logical order.
* contains an effective beginning, middle, and ending.
* includes transitions as needed to connect ideas and paragraphs.
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| 3 | **Engaging VOICE** |
|  | ***The writing . . .**** sounds believable and informed.
* reflects the writer’s clear understanding of the literature.
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| 4 | **Original WORD CHOICE** |
|  | ***The writing . . .**** exhibits careful choice of words.
* defines or explains any unfamiliar terms.
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| 4 | **Effective SENTENCE STYLE** |
|  | ***The writing . . .**** flows smoothly from one idea to the next.
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| 5 | **Correct, Accurate COPY** |
|  | ***The writing . . .**** follows the basic rules of grammar, spelling, and punctuation.
* meets all of your teacher’s guidelines.
* cites quotations correctly.
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**Comments:**

Your enthusiasm for this book is evident. Your review is clearly written and follows the assignment instructions, though the voice could be more formal. The details you included from the book are interesting, though you might have explored the themes in greater detail. Your writing is error free.