Literary Analysis Rubric

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

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|  | **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. |
|  | **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. |
|  | **Engaging VOICE** |
|  | ***The writing . . .***   * sounds believable and informed. * reflects the writer’s clear understanding of the literature. |
|  | **Original WORD CHOICE** |
|  | ***The writing . . .***   * exhibits careful choice of words. * defines or explains any unfamiliar terms. |
|  | **Effective SENTENCE STYLE** |
|  | ***The writing . . .***   * flows smoothly from one idea to the next. |
|  | **Correct, Accurate COPY** |
|  | ***The writing . . .***   * follows the basic rules of grammar, spelling, and punctuation. * meets all of your teacher’s guidelines. * cites quotations correctly. |