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.
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|  | **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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|  | **Engaging VOICE** |
|  | ***The writing . . .**** sounds believable and informed.
* reflects the writer’s clear understanding of the literature.
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|  | **Original WORD CHOICE** |
|  | ***The writing . . .**** exhibits careful choice of words.
* defines or explains any unfamiliar terms.
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|  | **Effective SENTENCE STYLE** |
|  | ***The writing . . .**** flows smoothly from one idea to the next.
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|  | **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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