

Literary Analysis Checklist

Basic Formatting

Heading: Your name, my name, assignment and date(written out)

Title: Centered and the first letter of all words in caps; should be related to essay content, not assignment title; no underline or quotation marks

Body: Five total paragraphs-all indented one tab or 10 spaces on the iPad

18 font

Double-spaced

Paragraphs/Organization

You have an **introduction** that begins with the author's name and book title in the first sentence of your intro-underline novel title; put your thesis or claim at the end of your intro.

You have **three body paragraphs** that begin with topic sentences, have thorough explanations, examples from the text, evidence(quotes), and a closing sentence.

You have a **conclusion** that begins with a restatement of your thesis statement and goes on to conclude.

Also, make sure that you use transitions between ideas and between paragraphs

Sentence Fluency

Check all sentences to make sure...

1. You have a variety of sentence types
2. You have reread many times and have avoided typos
3. You start sentences in a variety of ways
4. You use correct punctuation to avoid run-ons and fragments.

Use literary present tense

Use the present tense to show that the literature exists in the present even though you have already finished reading the book. Check all verbs and adverbs.

Examples:

Holden **goes** to New York to hang out before going home for Christmas.

Holden **shouts**, as he **leaves** Pencey, "Sleep tight ya morons" (Salinger 25).

One of Holden's most important values **is** risk.

Capitalization

Capitalize:

- Your name-first and last
- Title
- Proper nouns-specific names of people and places ie. Holden, Salinger, New York, Pencey Prep, Phoebe, Allie, etc.
- First word of quote

Punctuation

Check info on how to punctuate around

[Kinds of Sentences](#)

Check info on [How to Embed Quotes](#)

More....

- Use few pronouns and when you do, make sure it is clear what they stand for (antecedent)
- Don't begin sentences with coordinating conjunctions- FAN BOYS
- Avoid using second person-you