

ENGLISH 1 CP
Summer Reading Essay
Five-Paragraph Literary Analysis

Directions: Read over the questions in the four squares. For your essay, choose **one** of the literary elements from a square to be the focus of your essay. After choosing the element (listed at the top of the square) for your thesis statement, you will choose three questions to be the focus of your supportive paragraphs.

Remember, your final paper will be typed in MLA format.

ESSAY TOPICS: CHOOSE ONE!

<p>PLOT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *What are the main events that occurred in this story? *What chapter do you think is the most important to the story? Why? *What is the conflict in the story? Explain how the conflict affects the plot? *What character has a problem? Are there multiple problems within the plot? * Can you suggest an alternative ending for the story? What is your reason for a different ending? 	<p>MOOD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *What type of emotional reaction did this story provide the reader? *What was the most exciting event within the story? *Explain the part of the story you remember the most and why it stuck with you. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * How did the author create the moods within the story line? Describe. *Does the mood of the story change? How? *What was the funniest/saddest/strangest thing that happened in the story?
<p>CONTENT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *What topic(s) does this book address? *What theme or point of view from the story would you like to share with someone else? * Would you like to read more books with a similar theme? Why? *Was the title misleading? Did you expect to discover a different story line? Explain. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Did the book give you a satisfactory ending? If not, what would you have done differently as an author? 	<p>STYLE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *What do you like about the way the author has written the story? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *How did the author describe the characters? Give examples. *How does the author keep you interested? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *What strengths does this author have? * What do you like about this author's style? What do you dislike? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Can you describe any unique literary techniques the author uses to create vivid pictures while you were reading?