**Essay Grading Guide**

**Honors American Literature ~ Lane**

Name: ___________________________________________  _____/50

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Developing</th>
<th>Advanced</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>2-3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Not enough</td>
<td>Many Problems</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Focus**
- Position clearly stated (Thesis)
- Stays on subject throughout paper
- Effective introduction (orients reader well and has a “hook”) and conclusion (no new information)

**Support/Elaboration**
- Specific and credible claims with support (quotes from the novel)
- Reasons and examples are well developed; does not rely on summary in place of explanation

**Organization**
- Logical sequence
- Topic Sentences
- Appropriate paragraphs
- Transitions between paragraphs
- Introduction and Conclusion are sequenced appropriately

**Integration & Analysis/Overall Effect**
- Paper achieves assigned task
- Insightful
- Demonstrates a command of the novel and its themes within the context of the chosen prompt

**Conventions** *appropriate*
- Capitalization and punctuation
- Verb tense
- Sentence Structure
- Spelling
- Citations *with* page numbers

**Comments:**