

Essay Grading Guide

Honors American Literature ~ Lane

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	<i>Developing</i>			<i>Developed</i>		
	1 <small>Not enough</small>	2-3 <small>Many Problems</small>	4-5 <small>Some problems</small>	6-7 <small>Simple, but OK</small>	8-9 <small>Very Good</small>	10 <small>Excellent</small>
Focus <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Logical sequence • Topic Sentences • Appropriate paragraphs • Transitions between paragraphs • Introduction and Conclusion are sequenced appropriately 						
Integration & Analysis/Overall Effect <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paper achieves assigned task • Insightful • Demonstrates a command of the novel and its themes within the context of the chosen prompt 						
Conventions <i>appropriate</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capitalization and punctuation • Verb tense • Sentence Structure • Spelling • Citations <i>with</i> page numbers 						

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