**Critical Analysis Essay Criteria**

A 500-750 word essay focusing on the critical analysis of a single work of literature;

Your Critical Analysis Essay should:

1. Follow the lecture and assignment guidelines, including the planning page formats;

2. Include an introduction, which provides the title of the primary work being addressed, the author's name, and your thesis (an organizing sentence that contains the major topics/points you plan to develop in your essay); plus any background information necessary to aide the reader's understanding;

3. Incorporate no less than 3 scholarly articles/ secondary sources of support, and should engage a cogent and organized discussion;

4. Consist of well-developed body paragraphs which use both examples from the text and secondary sources to support and develop the major points of the thesis; have appropriate in-text citation of all borrowed material; a definition of terms where necessary; and a clear pattern of development;

5. have an effective conclusion which clearly indicates the path of development taken in the essay, and informs the reader of the strategies/resources used to develop and support the thesis; and

4. be completed as a Microsoft Word document, and submitted from within the assignment as an attachment on or before the posted due date.