Essay tips

Note: These are not inclusive and do not guarantee an A nor acceptable essay.

Do not use I, me, we, us, you, or your

Use third person.

Do not make announcement statements like I am going to discuss or this paper will discuss.

Use only 2 or 3 short quotations. Quotations cannot be more than two lines long. Use ellipsis marks for long quotations (...).

Include in-text citations.

Include examples from the stories/ novel as supporting details.

Introduce the author and the story/novel.

Include the story/novel as a reference.

Use MLA format.

Use the five paragraph essay format.

Use spell check.

Proof read your essays prior to submission.

Use correct grammar and punctuation and mechanics.

Include your name, date, assignment, and course
Do not title your paper the name of the story or novel (those are copyrighted titles)

Paragraphs must be at least 9-12 sentences.

The introduction should be the strongest paragraph because it is the foundation of the essay.

Expand the introduction by adding background information about the topic. You can also add a brief summary of the story in the introduction (3-4 sentences only)

Add examples, explanations, and illustrations as supporting details.

lengthen and strengthen all paragraphs

DO NOT HAVE A SERIES OF SHORT AND UNDEVELOPED PARAGRAPHS.

DO NOT ASK QUESTIONS OF YOUR READERS.

ASSIGNMENTS WILL BE CHECKED FOR PLAGIARISM USING SAFE ASSIGN.