

~ How to Write a Literary Essay ~

- Grow Ideas about a text.
 - Use thought prompts.
 - Ask questions of texts.
 - Pay attention to the characters in a story, especially noting their traits, motivations, struggles, changes, and relationships.
- Find a big idea that is really important to you, then write a thesis.
- Test out your thesis by asking questions.
 - Does this opinion relate to more than one part of the text?
 - Is there enough evidence to support it?
- Collect Evidence.
 - micro-stories
 - quotes
 - lists
 - examples
- Unpack the evidence by telling the reader what it shows, using prompts like:
 - This shows that...
 - This is evidence that...
- Add transitions to glue the evidence together.