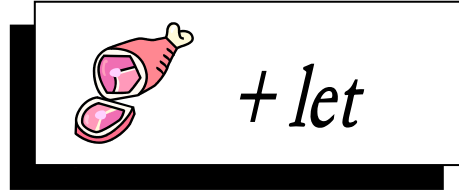


Hamlet Character Analysis Essay



“Get thee to an essay!” Pick one character from Hamlet and another character from Updike’s *A&P*, Allende’s *An Act of Vengeance* or O’Brien’s *The Things They Carried*. Then demonstrate a deep understanding of them in an essay. Follow this process:

- Pick a theme evident in both literary works and applicable to both characters (If you’d like to brainstorm theme ideas, we can do that)
- Compare & contrast these characters, their evolution or downfall, employing a keen grasp of how *conflict* shapes them & contributes to theme
- In addition to a thorough analysis of the influences of conflict, discuss the role of *any other literary element of your choice* (e.g. setting, symbolism, style, foreshadowing) and how it contributes to character and theme

Please remember that writing is, first and foremost, a thinking endeavor. Take the time to think and to brainstorm **ON PAPER!** Then put in some serious work on your outline. This, as you know, will make writing so much easier. Use the rough draft to bring the ideas to life in a way that a fellow human being can understand them. And, finally, put a vigorous effort into fine-tuning your essay, so it is a product of which you can be proud.

Impress me with your literary analysis skills, take care to write well, and have fun.

You must turn in your brainstorm on _____ (30 pts)

You must turn in your outline on _____ (30 pts)

You must turn in your rough draft on _____ (30 pts)

You must turn in your essay on _____ (100 pts)

You will be evaluated using the rubric on the back of this assignment.

Please remember this Polish proverb: “Words must be weighed, not counted.”