Literary Analysis Step 2: Proof Worksheet

Quotes and Analysis

While you only need 3 quotes for your essay, you want to be thoughtful – pick 6 quotes you could use in your paper to prove your thesis in the chart below.

Things to think about as you find quotes:

1) Is the quote long enough? While you don’t want it to be too long, you want it to have enough material to examine in your analysis.

2) Does the quote contain imagery, symbolism, metaphor, analogy, etc. that you can pick apart in your analysis? It is helpful if it does.

3) If the quote is very long, is there text that isn’t essential that you can take out and replace with an ellipsis ( … )?

4) Make sure your quote isn’t merely literary fact/plot points that doesn't include “deep thought” points for analysis.

Thesis:

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| Novel Quote w/ analysis:  Why did you pick it? How does it support your thesis? Also, BOLD any language you can analyze more fully (ie imagery, symbol, description, etc.) to prove your thesis | Speaker? Occasion? Audience? Purpose? | Page # |
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