

Literary Essay

- **Determine a theme from a piece of literature that has significance.**
- **Plan and organize my ideas before I begin.**
- **Locate evidence to support the theme using examples from the story.**
- **Use transitional words and phrases to link the evidence to the theme.**

- **Include the following in the first paragraph:**
 - Title, author, gist of the story and theme.
- **Include the following in the body paragraphs:**
 - Transitional words and phrases and a restatement of the theme.
 - Important examples as evidence.
 - Elaborate on the evidence by including specific details from the story.
 - Link the evidence back to the theme: *This shows that*
...
- **Create a conclusion that illustrates the significance of the theme:**
 - Restate the theme and pull the evidence together.
 - Reflect on the significance of the theme. *This theme was important to the story because ...*
 - Connect the theme to my own life or to the real world.