

English 100W (Fall 2011)
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CHARACTER ANALYSIS ESSAY
Draft Due: October 18, by 8am via email
Essay Due: October 25, by 8am via email
Word Count: 1000 words + Works Cited

A character analysis is a detailed evaluation of a character. Writing a character analysis is “an effective way to make sense of, and then offer some conclusions about, the significance of the character” (*Writing* 42). Choose a character from *Sure Thing*.

Today we read about the various types of characters – listed in *Writing About Literature* 41 & 284. Use these lists to help you determine the type of character that you are evaluating. For a sample Character Analysis, see “Writing a Character Analysis” (*Writing About Literature* 42). Also, follow the “Checklist for Writing a Character Analysis” (*Writing About Literature* 44). We will discuss character analysis further over the next three class sessions.

You may not use any outside resources except *Writing About Literature*, the Harmon handbook or a dictionary – this assignment is really about you and your character. We will briefly review MLA style for citing dialogue from a drama; however, it is up to you to ensure that your essay contains proper MLA citation style as well as a properly formatted Works Cited.

Draft Workshop

For this draft, write a Works Cited and give it an interesting title. We will have another draft workshop on this essay (just like the last one). Email a copy of your draft to me by 8am on October 18 and bring a print copy to class. Please note that late drafts will cause your final draft to receive one grade step penalty for each day that it is late. Because this essay has such a quick submission time for the final draft, I will not offer comments on your drafts. Instead, please visit me during office hours or set up an appointment to discuss prior to the due date. (The draft will be noted as submitted on time in my gradebook.)

Turning In Your Character Analysis:

This character analysis essay is due on October 25 by 8am as an attachment in email. Late papers will receive the penalization indicated on our syllabus. Failure to follow the below requirements will result in a lower grade.

- Submit to Turnitin.com
- Typed and double-spaced in 12pt font with one inch margins
- Works Cited page in MLA format
- In-text citations in MLA style (parenthetical citation)
- Name, date, course and section number typed at the top left corner of the first page
- Name and page number typed in upper right corner of every page following the first page
- Proofread everything before you turn it in; there should be no spelling or typographical errors.

GRADING:

Your grade will be assigned based on your ability to communicate your ideas in a formal piece of writing.