

“The Tell-Tale Heart” Literary Response English 8

Prompt:

Describe in a literary response essay how the author creates suspense throughout the characters, setting, and plot.

Assignment:

In response to this prompt, you will write a 5-paragraph literary response essay.

Thesis Statement:

A thesis statement is a one-sentence statement that summarizes the main point or claim of an essay and is developed, supported, and explained through the essay using text evidence.

For this essay, your thesis will use the following format:

In “The Tell-Tale Heart,” suspense is created through a(n)
_____ narrator, a(n) _____ setting,
(adjective to describe narrator) (adjective to describe setting)
and a(n) _____ plot.
(adjective to describe plot)



INTRODUCTION PLANNING

<p>1. Hook- Write a general statement about sanity.</p>	
<p>2. Short Summary- Include these details:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- "The Tell-Tale Heart"- Edgar Allan Poe- unreliable narrator- old man is murdered and buried under the floor boards- vulture eye- narrator turns himself in <p>(3-6 Sentences)</p>	
<p>3. Thesis Statement: Insight + Observation</p> <p>(1 sentence)</p>	<p>In "The Tell-Tale Heart," suspense is created through a(n) _____ narrator, a(n) _____ (adjective) (adjective)</p> <p>setting, and a(n) _____ plot.</p>

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(transitional phrase)

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Insight

- These sentences give **YOUR** explanation and insight into the quotes you have chosen.
- Insight 1: Explain the textual evidence in your own words.
- Insight 2: Go deeper and explain how the quote connects to your thesis.

1st CHUNK:

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(pg. #)

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CONCLUSION PLANNING

<p>Topic Sentence- Re-state your thesis, using different words.</p>	
<p>Summary of the main points in each paragraph. (2 sentences)</p> <p>Briefly explain how the author builds up suspense based on what you said in your body paragraphs.</p>	
<p>Closing Sentence-This sentence should relate the points you make in your paper to the rest of the world.</p>	