<u>Literary Analysis Essay Checklist</u>   Name:_____

I.) Introduction
1. Does your topic sentence(s) include TAG (title, author, genre)?   _____Yes _____No

2. Do you provide background information on the topic of your essay, (i.e: What is story about? Who are the characters? What is the setting?)?   _____Yes _____No

3. Does your thesis statement TTQA (turn the question around) and give your three reasons in brief? (TTQA+3 reasons)   _____Yes _____No

II.) Body Paragraph 1 - Reason: _____
1. Does your topic sentence start with a transitional word/phrase and provide your first reason to support your thesis?   _____Yes _____No

2. Do you provide a lead-in (background information) to introduce your quote (i.e: who said the quote, what was happening when the quote was said, why the quote is important, etc.)   _____Yes _____No

3. Do you have your quote correctly formatted, with a citation (i.e.: (209))? Does your quotation directly support your reason and support your thesis statement?   _____Yes _____No

4. Does your analysis give an in-depth explanation as to what your quote shows, and how it proves your thesis statement?   _____Yes _____No

III.) Body Paragraph 2 - Reason: _____
1. Does your topic sentence start with a transitional word/phrase and provide your first reason to support your thesis?   _____Yes _____No

2. Do you provide a lead-in (background information) to introduce your quote (i.e: who said the quote, what was happening when the quote was said, why the quote is important, etc.)   _____Yes _____No

3. Do you have your quote correctly formatted, with a citation (i.e.: (209))? Does your quotation directly support your reason and support your thesis statement?   _____Yes _____No

4. Does your analysis give an in-depth explanation as to what your quote shows, and how it proves your thesis statement?   _____Yes _____No

IV.) Body Paragraph 3 - Reason: _____

    1. Does your topic sentence start with a transitional word/phrase
       and provide your first reason to support your thesis?   _____Yes _____No

    2. Do you provide a lead-in (background information) to introduce
       your quote (i.e: who said the quote, what was happening when
       the quote was said, why the quote is important, etc.)   _____Yes _____No

    3. Do you have your quote correctly formatted, with a citation
       (i.e.: (209))? Does your quotation directly support your
       reason and support your thesis statement?   _____Yes _____No

    4. Does your analysis give an in-depth explanation as to what
       your quote shows, and how it proves your thesis statement?   _____Yes _____No

V.) Conclusion

    1. Does your conclusion begin with a summary of your argument
       (thesis and 3 supporting reasons)?   _____Yes _____No

    2. Do you finish the essay by connecting the essay topic to how
       it might relate to or be significant in life, beyond the literature?   _____Yes
       _____No

Overall Reflection:

● In what areas are the strengths in your paper? (i.e., thesis, reasons, analysis, etc.)

● In what areas are the weaknesses of your paper? (i.e., thesis, reasons, analysis, etc.)

● Overall, I feel that my paper….
    ○ Exceeds Expectations _____
    ○ Meets Expectations   _____
    ○ Below Expectations   _____