

Writing Reminders for Essays about Literature
Expository Writing

1. Identify Title and Author of Story/Poem
2. Restate the Prompt in a Declarative Sentence
3. Provide specific examples/quotes from the story
4. Cite the page number of your quote (73).
5. End with a "clincher" sentence
6. Stay in Present Tense ("is")
7. Revise your sentences; include transition words (however, therefore, for example, another example /reason, because, although...)
8. Revise for Word Choice (Diction)
9. Edit your essay: there/their, commas, apostrophes