

Critical Lens Worksheet

Essay Template

INTRODUCTION: (Paragraph 1)

1. Write the critical lens (quote) you chose
Quote: _____

Author: _____

2. What does the critical lens (quote) you chose mean? (Explain in your own words what you think it means).

3. Do you agree or disagree with the critical lens (quote)?

4. List **both** books you read over the summer (title and author).
Author of Book #1: _____
Title of Book#1: _____
Author of Book #2: _____
Title of Book#2: _____

5. Give your controlling idea (thesis). In other words, simply state how these two books deal with the idea presented in the quote.

Paragraph 2:

1. Author of Book#1: _____

Title of Book#1: _____

2. Tell how the critical lens (quote) relates to Book #1. (Give specific examples from the story).

3. Use an example of a literary element from Book #1 to prove your point dealing with the critical lens (quote); for example, setting, conflict, point of view, mood, theme, metaphor, characterization, etc.

4. Use another example of a literary element from Book #1 to prove your point dealing with the critical lens (quote); for example, setting, conflict, point of view, mood, theme, metaphor, characterization, etc.

Paragraph 3:

1. Author of Book#2: _____

Title of Book#2: _____

2. Tell how the critical lens (quote) relates to Book #2.

3. Use an example of a literary element from Book #2 to prove your point dealing with the critical lens (quote); for example, setting, point of view, mood, theme, metaphor, characterization, etc.

4. Use another example of a literary element from Book #2 to prove your point dealing with the critical lens (quote); for example, setting, point of view, mood, theme, metaphor, characterization, etc.

Paragraph 4: (Conclusion)

1. Your conclusion should contain all the information that you included in your introduction.
- Restate the critical lens (quote). (Give your interpretation of it).

- Summarize your arguments (include if you agreed or disagreed, address both books).

- Book#1:

- Book#2:

2. Give your critical lens essay a fresh ending. (For example: a personal insight, a quote that illustrates your argument, or a revelation or new idea about the book or books).
