

TERM PAPER CONTENT BREAKDOWN

Summary (Synthesize)	Background Information (Research)	Literary Techniques (Identify/Analyze)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Write a <i>brief</i> summary that clearly demonstrates your understanding of the literature Summary <i>must</i> discuss: Characters Exposition Complications Climax Falling action Denouement (Resolution) Do not use someone else's words, Cliffnotes, Sparknotes, or Internet summaries. It needs to show <i>your</i> knowledge and be in <i>your own words</i>! 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Research and provide information about the author and elements that served as motivation/inspiration. The following is some of what <i>must</i> be included: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Where is the author from? What time period? Interesting points about author's life, including hardships. Motivations for his/her writing What is the author best known for (literary techniques & literature)? Awards/honors Historical facts/influences 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Correctly identify 6 literary techniques (out of the 23 covered in class- no theme). You must have one of the following two formats: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2 ex, 2 ex, 2 ex 2 ex, 2 ex, 1 ex, 1 ex Within <i>each</i> paragraph, complete <i>all</i> of the following steps: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Define the literary technique Provide an example (using a direct quote with a citation) Explain in the quote how it is an example of the identified technique Explain why the author may have used this technique
How to ensure success: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ <u>Take notes AS YOU READ.</u> Use sticky notes to summarize each chapter or keep a running log for each chapter on paper. ➤ <u>Finish reading early.</u> The faster, the better. ➤ <u>Do not spend majority of your time on summary.</u> It should be one of the easier sections. ➤ <u>Bring in draft(s)!</u> 	How to ensure success: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ <u>Research early.</u> It does you no good to find out after you read the book that there is no information. ➤ Use both <u>reliable sources</u> and a <u>variety of sources</u>. ➤ <u>Do not just "cut and paste" information!</u> ➤ <u>Cite sources</u> (both parenthetical citations and Works Cited!!!) ➤ <u>Bring in draft(s)!</u> 	How to ensure success: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ <u>Identify literary techniques as you read!</u> Use sticky notes to mark them along the way. ➤ <u>Give thorough explanations/justifications.</u> ➤ <u>Cite sources</u> (both parenthetical citations and Works Cited!!!) ➤ <u>Bring in draft(s)!</u>
Approximate length: Varies depending on book or complexity of plotline, but on average, 2-3 pages.	Approximate length: Varies, but on average, 2 pages.	Exact length: 6 paragraphs (one paragraph per literary technique)