A Collaboratively Created Essay Rubric
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A Good Literary Analysis Essay…
Is organized by beginning, middle and end
Follows a logical order
Uses transitions to move from one idea to another
Uses clear language that is easy to understand
Avoids using the first and second person (I, you, me, we)

A Good Introduction…
Draws the reader in with an “attention grabber”
Introduces the text and author that will be discussed (Ex: In Alice Walker’s *The Color Purple*
readers see…)
Gives some background on the text to give the reader some context
Raises interesting questions about the text OR provides a strong and clear thesis
Guides the reader through the paper

Good Body Paragraphs…
Transition to each idea smoothly
Have their own sub-topics that get introduced in the first sentence
Provide quotes from the text that are relevant to the questions or thesis provided in the introduction
Discuss the quotes/ explains their relevance
Expands the ideas of the intro

Good Conclusion Paragraphs…
Are paragraphs
Restate the thesis in new words
Give the reader closure
Leave the reader thinking about your paper

Other MUST haves of GOOD essays…
Close to three pages
12 point Times New Roman
Double Spaced
Follow all MLA guidelines for quotes and formatting
MINIMUM of 4 quotes in the paper (although... remember, the point is to discuss the text...)
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