



A Checklist for **Literary Analysis Papers**

- Is the thesis clearly stated?
- Does the writer use examples from the text to convincingly support their interpretation or analysis?
- Has the writer avoided giving a simple plot summary?
- Are the parts of the work clearly and accurately indicated? Writers need to refer to particular moments in the text.
- Does the writer use present tense when describing events in a work of literature, as is convention?
- Are titles properly punctuated? Short stories, essays, and most poems appear in quotation marks; titles of books, plays, and epics are italicized.
- Has the writer referred to the author properly, using the full name initially and the last name in subsequent references?
- Is quoted material properly punctuated, indented (for long quotations), and documented according to the format specified?