

## Dystopian Literary Analysis Essay Assignment Sheet

Now that you have finished reading your Choice Dystopian Novel, your task is to write an analysis essay responding to one of the prompts listed below. For this essay, do not simply focus on what happens in your CDN; instead, *focus on why what happens in your CDN matters and what it means.*

### Essay Prompt Options:

1. Dystopian Elements

Choose one dystopian element and explain how that element is used in your CDN *and* the effect that element has on the society in the story. Finally, discuss the consequences people today face if they ignore the dystopian element and explain what society can do now to slow or stop the progression of this dystopian element in our world. Do not merely summarize the text.

2. Dystopian Control

In dystopian literature, citizens are generally controlled in some way. Write an essay that analyzes *what* controls your CDN's society and what factors contribute to and allow this type of control to flourish. Finally, explain the author's message about control that serves as a warning to readers. Do not merely summarize the text.

3. Dystopian Protagonist

The protagonist in a dystopian text helps the reader see what is wrong with the society in the novel, but the protagonist can also help the reader see what is wrong in the reader's own society. Thinking about your CDN, explain how the protagonist allows the reader to understand the dystopian aspects of the novel's society *and* how the way those aspects are revealed impacts the reader's understanding. Finally, discuss how the protagonist's experiences might relate to our world and what readers should learn about our world from the protagonist. Do not merely summarize the text.

### General essay structure:

- Intro paragraph
  - Hook
  - Context (text title and author's full name)
  - Thesis statement (include book title, author's last name, and response to prompt)
- Two to four body paragraphs
  - Topic sentences
  - A minimum of two quotes per body paragraph
    - Quotes must be correctly integrated, cited, and explained (see Using Quotes Notes)
  - Concluding statements
- Conclusion
  - Restate thesis (same ideas, different words)
  - Review main points
  - Discuss the significance of the ideas in your essay (see last part of each essay prompt)

### Additional requirements:

- MLA formatting (font, header, page number, etc.)
- Formal style and tone (no first person, contractions, or slang)
- Present tense when possible (literature should be written about in present tense)
- Analysis instead of just summary

You will be expected to revise and edit your Literary Analysis Essay in order to achieve proficiency on multiple writing and language standards. Your ability to use feedback to refine your essay will be assessed.

This essay will be **due on Friday, November 15th**, to Turnitin.com by 11:59 pm. In addition to submitting your final draft, you must also submit your completed handouts that you tracked quotes on while reading. Your assessment will not be considered "submitted" until all of these items are turned in.