Literary Period Analysis Essay

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| Introduction   * Introduce the literary period and provide background information about that period * In a thesis statement, identify the literary period, the literary trend, and how the authors discussed in the essay develop the ideas and trends of the time. |  |
| Body   * Develop the major points that support the thesis. One or two body paragraphs per author which highlight specific stylistic devices (figurative language, irony, imagery, diction) that they use to suit their purposes and the purposes of the literature of the time period. * Discuss how their views serve as examples of the views of the time period. * Use at least 3 pieces of fully elaborated literary evidence to support your analysis of a specific point. Thus, three citations per body paragraph with analysis. * Quotations should be introduced smooth so that they don’t interrupt the flow of thought. Don’t just place quotations as separate sentences in your essay. * Organize the authors in the essay in chronological order to develop the evolution of ideas in the literary period. |  |
| Conclusion   * Restate, but don’t repeat your thesis. Remind the reader of the how the works highlight the core values of the period. * Close with a final observation on the literary works or on the literary period. |  |
| Word Choices and Tone   * Use appropriate and varied transitions and syntax to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among complex ideas and concepts. * Use precise language, domain-specific vocabulary, and techniques such as metaphor, simile, and analogy to manage the complexity of the topic. * Establish and maintain a formal style and objective tone while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing. |  |
| Grammar and Syntax   * Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking. * Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing. |  |
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