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COM 1102: Writing about Literature Essay Rubric					
CATEGORY	1 - Below Standards	2 - Approaching Standards	3 - Meets Standards	4 - Above Standards	Score
CRITICAL RESPONSE Thesis Statement (10 pts)	Thesis is not clearly defined and/or the question is not clearly being answered	Thesis somewhat clearly identifies the argument being made as a response to the question	Thesis clearly answers the question and defines the argument	The thesis is well-defined and offers a sophisticated response to the question	
Analysis of the Topic (20 pts)	Descriptive rather than analytical; marginally related to the topic; significant logical gaps	Analysis addresses most parts of the question; analysis is adequate but unevenly developed	Good analysis that addresses most parts of the question; analysis demonstrates understanding of all sides of a question though it may be unevenly developed	question; analysis demonstrates a thorough understanding of the works	
CONTENT Use of Literary Terms (20 pts)	Little grasp of the literary terms introduced in the question	Some grasp of the literary terms introduced in the question	Good grasp of the literary terms introduced in the question	Thorough grasp of the literary terms introduced in the question	
Close Readings (20 pts)	Few specific examples of close readings of the texts demonstrate a weak understanding of the works and their terms	close readings of the texts	close readings of the texts demonstrate a solid	Many specific examples of close readings of the texts demonstrate a sophisticated understanding of the works and their terms	
ORGANIZATION					
Sequencing of Ideas (20 pts)	Poorly organized; no clear introduction, argument or conclusion	_	Well organized, with an introduction, argument, and conclusion	Extremely well organized, with a clear introduction, argument, and conclusion	
LANGUAGE USE Sentence Coherence & Language Use (10 pts)		Contains numerous grammatical errors, spelling errors, or inappropriate use of terms, but the essay is somewhat coherent	English; some grammatical errors, spelling errors, or	Well-written in appropriate standard English; few grammatical errors, spelling errors, or misused terms may remain due to time constraints.	

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4=A (100-90), 3=B (89-80), 2=C (79-70), 1=D (69-60), 0=F (59 or less)



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