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Conflict Poetry
Final Exam: Analytical Paragraph

Review Sheet

You will write an analytical paragraph to one of the poems studied in class or independently. You will analyse the poem and annotate it, identify literary devices and interpret the poet's message. Justify your opinion in your answer. Follow the steps below to organize your thoughts and select your evidence for your **250-450-word analytical paragraph**.

1. Use the following questions to analyse the poem:
 - ✓ What is the structure of the poem?
 - ✓ What interesting phrases and words does the poet use? Why?
 - ✓ Can you identify literary devices used? Why are they used?
 - ✓ Can you identify the author's purpose?
 - ✓ What effect does the poem have on the reader?
2. Read the prompt carefully:
 - ✓ Think of your response.
 - ✓ What can support your response? Brainstorm. Take notes.
3. Formulate a clear topic sentence:
 - ✓ EXAMPLE: Pablo Neruda expresses his sadness in the poem "Tonight I Write" and speaks of heartbreak and sorrow.
 - ✓ You might wish to add clarification of the topic sentence – EXAMPLE: Neruda uses a variety of literary devices to show the pain and suffering he went through.
4. Create an outline for your paragraph:
 - ✓ Topic sentence (remember to include the poet's name and the title of the poem).
 - ✓ Clarification of the topic sentence (not necessary).
 - ✓ Example to illustrate the statement from the topic sentence.
 - ✓ Analysis of the example (remember to use the correct terminology).
 - ✓ Concluding sentence (to summarise what was previously said in an original way).
5. Integrate quotes when writing the analytical paragraph:
 - ✓ Use words, phrases or lines from the poem to support your statement.
 - ✓ Remember to cite each quotation at the end of your sentence.
6. Review and edit the first draft of the paragraph:
 - ✓ Check for grammar, spelling and punctuation mistakes.
 - ✓ Make sure you have formatted the paper correctly (MLA heading, double spaced text, titles of poems in quotation marks, citations, indented paragraphs, etc).
 - ✓ Give your paragraph an original title.