

Grades 4-8 YOUR 5 PARAGRAPH SUMMER ESSAY: Assignment: Write a 5 paragraph Essay selecting one of the prompts below.

What does a 5 paragraph essay consist of?

Paragraph 1: introduction (here you state what you are going to write about and the question you are going to answer, explain and give details about)

Paragraph 2 or Body paragraph 1: makes your first point - provide examples from the book to prove this point

Paragraph 3 or Body paragraph 2: makes your second point - provide examples from the book to prove this point

Paragraph 4 or Body paragraph 3: makes your third point - provide examples from the book to prove this point

Paragraph 5: Conclusion (wrap up what you said - remember this should have the same points you mentioned in the introduction and the same points you explained in the 3 Body paragraphs)

Here are your choice questions:

How are the characters developing? Do you dislike certain characters? Are some characters dynamic? Are some flat? Do the characters change over the course of the story? How are the events or other characters influencing or motivating the characters?

Are there recurring themes, ideas, images, and symbols? Why do you think the author is repeating them? What do you think of the author's decision to repeat them?

What are the conflicts in the book? Why are these conflicts developing? Are these conflicts internal (within the characters) or external (from outside sources)?

Can you relate to any of the characters? Do parts of the book remind you of yourself or others? Why? Can you feel what any of the characters are feeling?

Who is the narrator of the book? From what point of view is the story told? Why do you think the author selected this perspective and what effect does it have? Would a different narrator or different narration improve the book?

Write a letter to one of the characters. Include three specific events of which the character was a part. Comment on the character's response to events or offer advice. Ask questions.

Evaluate the writing style of the author. What are the sentences, word choice, descriptions like? Does the style help the story line? Could the style be improved? How?

What is the author's tone towards his or her subject? What two words best define the tone of this book? What scenes, episodes, or examples are good examples of the author's tone?

What is the mood created in the reader by this book? What examples best reveal the mood of this book?

If you could be one of the characters for one day, who would you be and why? Who would you definitely not be and why. Explain your choices.

What would you change in the story? How would you improve it?

Select a passage and annotate it for literary elements including theme. Then after you annotate it, explain why you chose this selection over others.

ACS Parents, keep in mind we want to see the student's authentic work. Of course you can help.....but only a little help. Check spelling, grammar and make sure the essay makes sense, but let them be creative!