

**Essay Rubric**

	Thesis Statement	Introduction	Body Paragraph #1	Body Paragraph #2	Body Paragraph #3	Conclusion	Communication and Organization
<b>Mastery with Distinction (4)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Thesis has an interesting, unique subject, proposal and significance.</li> <li>- Thesis is clear, articulate and concise</li> <li>- Thesis is distinguishable.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Grabs the readers attention in a thoughtful way</li> <li>- Gives relevant background information concisely</li> <li>- Leads into the thesis with analytical statements about the text.</li> <li>- Outlines the reasons of the essay clearly and concisely</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Opens with a clear reason that proves the thesis to be true</li> <li>- Leads into the quote with relevant background information</li> <li>- Has a well chosen quote that strongly supports the thesis</li> <li>- Quote is thoroughly analyzed.</li> <li>- Analysis clearly connects the ideas in the paragraph back to the thesis.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Opens with a clear reason that proves the thesis to be true</li> <li>- Leads into the quote with relevant background information</li> <li>- Has a well chosen quote that strongly supports the thesis</li> <li>- Quote is thoroughly analyzed.</li> <li>- Analysis clearly connects the ideas in the paragraph back to the thesis.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Opens with a clear reason that proves the thesis to be true</li> <li>- Leads into the quote with relevant background information</li> <li>- Has a well chosen quote that strongly supports the thesis</li> <li>- Quote is thoroughly analyzed.</li> <li>- Analysis clearly connects the ideas in the paragraph back to the thesis.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Has a transitional phrase</li> <li>- Restates the thesis emphasizing importance of the proposal and significance (Answers the question, So what?)</li> <li>- Clearly synthesizes the reasons by showing how they are connected</li> <li>- Leaves the reader thinking by making a connection between the topic and society/world beyond the text</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Spelling is mostly correct.</li> <li>- Grammar is mostly correct (verb-tense agreement, run-ons, fragments, capitalization and punctuation)</li> <li>- Some empty/general statements</li> <li>- Has an intro, 3 body paragraphs and a conclusion</li> <li>- Few errors citing quotes (quotation marks, use commas and other punctuation, page numbers in parenthesis)</li> <li>- Language is clear and formal</li> </ul>
<b>Mastery (3)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Thesis has a clear subject, proposal and significance.</li> <li>- The idea is clear, but the language is either inarticulate or too wordy.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Opens with a statement intended to grab the reader's attention</li> <li>- Gives some background information</li> <li>- Includes the thesis</li> <li>- Outlines the reasons of the essay</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Opens with a reason that helps prove the thesis true</li> <li>- Has a quote that supports the thesis.</li> <li>- Quote is adequately analyzed.</li> <li>- Analysis basically connects the ideas in the paragraph back to the thesis</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Opens with a reason that helps prove the thesis true</li> <li>- Has a quote that supports the thesis.</li> <li>- Quote is adequately analyzed.</li> <li>- Analysis basically connects the ideas in the paragraph back to the thesis</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Opens with a reason that helps prove the thesis true</li> <li>- Has a quote that supports the thesis.</li> <li>- Quote is adequately analyzed.</li> <li>- Analysis basically connects the ideas in the paragraph back to the thesis</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Has transitional phrase</li> <li>- Restates the thesis in a new way</li> <li>- Attempts to synthesize the reasons that support the thesis, without listing them</li> <li>- Attempts to leave the reader thinking by making a connection between the topic and society/world beyond the text</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Spelling is mostly correct.</li> <li>- Grammar is mostly correct (verb-tense agreement, run-ons, fragments, capitalization and punctuation)</li> <li>- Some empty/general statements</li> <li>- Has an intro, 3 body paragraphs and a conclusion</li> <li>- Few errors citing quotes (quotation marks, use commas and other punctuation, page numbers in parenthesis)</li> <li>- Language is clear and formal</li> </ul>

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<p><b>Satisfactory (2)</b></p>	<p>- Thesis has the subject, proposal and significance, but the ideas are not clearly expressed or difficult to understand.</p>	<p>- Attempts to grab the readers attention - Gives too much or irrelevant background information - Includes the thesis - Outline of reasons is unclear</p>	<p>- Opens with a reason that may not be clearly connected to the thesis - Has a quote that somewhat supports the thesis. - Quote is somewhat analyzed. - Attempts to connect ideas to thesis, but its unclear</p>	<p>- Opens with a reason that may not be clearly connected to the thesis - Has a quote that somewhat supports the thesis. - Quote is somewhat analyzed. - Attempts to connect ideas to thesis, but its unclear</p>	<p>- Opens with a reason that may not be clearly connected to the thesis - Has a quote that somewhat supports the thesis. - Quote is somewhat analyzed. - Attempts to connect ideas to thesis, but its unclear</p>	<p>- Restates the thesis - Lists the reasons that support the thesis - Attempts to make a connection with society/world beyond the text, but it is unclear</p>	<p>- Spelling is somewhat correct. - Grammar is somewhat correct. (run-ons, fragments, capitalization and punctuation) - Lots of empty/general statements - Intro or conclusion may be missing - Many errors citing quotes (quotation marks, use commas and other punctuation, page numbers in parenthesis) - Language is clear, but at times it sounds like the writer is speaking</p>
<p><b>Needs Revision (1)</b></p>	<p>- Thesis is incomplete or missing.</p>	<p>- Introduction is unclear, completely disorganized or is missing</p>	<p>- No reason to prove the thesis to be true - No quote that supports the thesis. - Quote is not analyzed and does not connect back to the thesis</p>	<p>- No reason to prove the thesis to be true - No quote that supports the thesis. - Quote is not analyzed and does not connect back to the thesis</p>	<p>- No reason to prove the thesis to be true - No quote that supports the thesis. - Quote is not analyzed and does not connect back to the thesis</p>	<p>- Conclusion is unclear, completely disorganized or is missing</p>	<p>- It is clear that this writer did not proofread the essay; there are many spelling and grammar errors. - Does not have the necessary components of an essay. - Most or all of the quotations are not cited correctly - Language is very informal and unclear</p>

Comments, feedback, explanation of grade:

Handwritten notes and a large scribble at the bottom of the page.

December 7, 2006

Humanities

Makes Me Wanna Holler

In Makes Me Wanna Holler by Nathan McCall, Nathan a.k.a. Nate tells the story of his struggles, and how he grew up in a racist society. He starts realizing how racist most of our country really is. But as he gets older, it gets harder for him to learn how to deal with it. It takes him a while to learn how not to let the screwed up society affect his life so much. At one point in the book, Nate is sent to jail. ~~Nate being sent to jail~~ <sup>This</sup> is a significant part in his life because it teaches him how to value life. In jail he starts to realize how quickly his life can be taken away from him. ✓

While in jail, Nate learns how to value women. Women are an obvious thing that he doesn't have access to. By not having access to women, he realizes how important are, and how much they are needed in life. For example, Nate has a lot of time on his hands to think about what's going on around him. He's thinking, I thought more about women than I had in my entire life. I'd think about all the hatred and abuse the fellas and I had heaped on women, and I'd promised God that if I ever got out of prison alive, I'd never mistreat another woman as long as I lived. (201) One of the things Nate has time to think about is women. While in jail, he learns how to look at women in a different light. When Nate doesn't have access to women, he realizes that they are a privilege, and the way he treated women in the past wasn't right. Nate also realizes, Before prison, I'd been aware, but not really conscious, that there was a vast psychic difference between men and women. And I'd never really considered what women added to the world. (200). Now

don't use contractions in formal writing

all your apostrophes are missing

Nate also sees the real difference between men and women. He notices that women contribute a lot to our world, and the world wouldn't be complete without them. Nate's being in jail gives him a whole new perspective on women. He doesn't see women as a piece of meat as he did when he was younger. He now realizes that women are a privilege. He not only learns how to value women, but it helps him learn how to value his life.

While In prison, depending on the crime you are confined to a cell for most of the day, for a certain amount of time. Nate had to do a minimum of 3 years before he would be let out on parole. He had very little freedom, and at one point had to ask for permission for every little thing he did. This is usually how it is when you go to jail. Your freedom is taken away from you. In the book Nate tells us, My number was 10-63-83. That number became more important to me than my name. It was used to identify my mail; guards addressed me by it, when calling me to the visiting room; it was stenciled into my clothes and into my brain. (169) In this quote, Nate went from being able to do what ever he wanted, to being identified by a number. Instead of his name being his main identification, his was now identified by his number 10-63-83. Nate then tells us Inmates lived in two types of buildings. There were three C buildings, which had cells, and two R buildings which had rooms. (171) Here Nate is explaining the living situation in his jail. When he first got there you were placed in a regular cell. But as your behavior got better, you were moved up to a better cell. Until you got to have your own room with a door, lock, and key. This system they had shows how you can gain more freedom while you re in jail. This showed Nate how to value his freedom, which added to him valuing his life.

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Summary  
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you can paraphrase facts.

Before Nate went to jail, respect was a important thing around where he lived. People would get killed if they felt someone was disrespecting them, or not giving them the amount of respect that they deserve. But when he went to jail, that value was taken away from him. Nate is reminiscing about a time when, tell us about niggers and flies Heavy Heavy then recited niggers and flies I despise. The morei see niggers, the more I see flies (176) Heavy is a big prisoner that works out in the fields with Nate during the day. As Heavy is reciting this riddle that is degrading his fellow black people, the prison guards just stand there and laugh at him. Since he is an inmate, he can t do anything about someone disrespecting him. Neither can Nate when he sees this happening. Nate also explains One day the farm work got to me so much that I ain t doin this shit ! Slavery is over! (176) Instead of Nate seeing someone else being disrespected, he witnesses it first hand. He s doing his share of farm work when he is forced to pick up two 100lb bags by himself. He is being forced to do this just because he is an inmate. They don t care that he is an actual man with feelings. They just want the work done. By Nate watching someone being disrespected, and feeling the disrespect, he learns to value the privilege of respect. By learning to value respect, he learns how many aspects of his life can and will be taken away from you. He is learning how to value his life as well.

Nathan doesn t learn how to value life, until he learns how quickly it can be taken away from him. This becomes the most significant part of the book, and his life. For example he learns how to value respect. In the black community, respect is a big issue and expectation. A lot of conflicts start because people feel disrespected in some type of way. But when you go to a place where you don t get the respect you deserve, you see how much respect can affect your life. Although respect may not seem like a big thing in

your community, it is in others. Respect can and does affect a lot of people s lives and decisions.



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him a whole new perspective on women. He doesn't see women as a piece of meat as he did when he was younger. He now realizes that women are a privilege. He not only learns how to value women, but it helps him learn how to value his life.

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## Introduction to Your Analytic Paper

Your introduction to your analytic paper can and should be short and sweet. Don't try to get too fancy in your opening paragraph, since I will grade you based almost entirely on the quality of your body paragraphs and the analysis you include there.

However, in order to tie these examples together, you must include an introductory paragraph that includes the following:

- **Title of book**
- **Author**
- **A brief summary of the plot**
- **Your thesis statement**

Example:

*Bless Me Ultima*, a novel by Rodolfo Anaya, is the story of a young boy named Tony who is struggling with his identity and the pull of his parents' different cultures. He must also come to terms in the novel with his own spirituality. Throughout the novel, Anaya uses imagery and details in Tony's dreams to develop this conflict between his mother's Christian world and the pagan world of his father.

Example:

*The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, by Mark Twain, is the story of a young boy named Huck and Jim, a runaway slave, who travel together on the Mississippi River. While Jim is trying to escape an owner who had threatened to sell him "down the river," Huck is trying to leave an oppressive social structure that he feels is trying to "civilize" him. While the plot is a simple tale of Huck and Jim's adventures as they float down the river, Twain uses the novel to criticize Southern society. Throughout the novel, Huck's encounters with characters on shore demonstrate the difference between appearance and reality in Southern society.

Now try following the model to write a solid introduction to your analytic paper. Make sure to include all four components:

- Title of book
- Author
- A brief summary of the plot
- Your thesis statement

In Makes me Wanna Holler by Nathan McCall; ~~within a va~~ Wate tells the story of how he grows up in a racist society. He starts realizing how racist this country really is. But as he gets older, he learns how to deal with it, and not let it affect his life so much. One point in the book is Wate is sent to jail. Wate being in jail is a significant part in his life, because it teaches him how to value life. In jail he starts to realize how quickly his life can be taken away from him.

## Writing an Analytic Body Paragraph

Thesis: What's the argument you are making? (should have a subject, proposal, significance)

Wate being in jail is a significant part in his life, because it teaches him how to value life. In jail he is realizing how quickly his life can be taken away from him.

Reason (topic sentence): while in jail, Wate learns how to value women. Women is an obvious thing that he doesn't have access to. He then realizes how important women are and how much they are needed in

Evidence (how can you support this reason with material from the text) life

### Concrete Detail #1

For example, Wate has a lot of time on his hands to think about what's going on around him. Quote: pg. 201 ¶ 3

Commentary (your observation / interpretation of that detail—in other words, what does it demonstrate?)

This shows that one of the things Wate has time to think about his women. While in jail he learns to look at women in a different light. When Wate doesn't have access to women, he realizes that they are a privilege, and the way he treated women in the past wasn't right.

### Concrete Detail #2

In addition, Wate also realizes, ~~Wate~~ "Quote pg. 200 ¶ 4

### Commentary on detail #2

This shows that Wate really does see the difference between men and women. He notices that women contribute a lot to our world today, and the world wouldn't be complete without them.

**Tie-back Sentence** (sums up what you are asserting in this paragraph)

Walter's being in jail changes his whole view of women. He doesn't see women as a piece of meat, as he did when he was younger. He now realizes what women are a privilege. ~~and~~ He learns how to value women, ~~also~~ but also life.

## Revision Checklist

- Introduction
  - Tells the title and author in the first sentence
  - Gives short summary of the novel
  - Thesis is the last sentence of the paragraph
  - Thesis has subject, proposal, significance
- Body Paragraph 1
  - Topic sentence with a REASON why the thesis is true
  - Topic sentence is an argument, not a fact
  - Has 2 quotes
  - Has explanation of both quotes
  - Tie-back sentence explains how the quotes tie-back to the thesis
- Body Paragraph 2
  - Topic sentence with a REASON why the thesis is true
  - Topic sentence is an argument, not a fact
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- Conclusion
  - Restates thesis in a new way
  - Synthesizes (brings together) all the ideas/arguments in your body paragraphs
  - Ends with a deeper insight, a question to ponder, or a deeper theme/message/ purpose to make the reader care about just having read this paper

**Reflection:**

1. What is this writer's biggest strength? In other words, what does this writer do really well?

Sees great detail on the main characters, and it's very clear.

2. What part of the essay structure (so not grammar) does this writer need to devote more attention to?

quote notations

**Action Plan: What to Fix**

(Give this writer 3 specific skills to fix this weekend. "Grammar" isn't specific enough. "Spelling" or "Tie-back sentences" or "Expanding your conclusion" IS specific enough.)

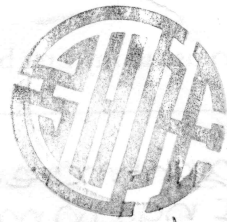
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**Any additional comments?**

Planning for Your Little Bundle of Joy  
(otherwise known as an analytic essay)



Name \_\_\_\_\_

Book Makes me wanna holler

Thesis statement:

Nate being in jail is a significant part in his life, because it teaches him how to value life. In jail he is realizing how quickly his life can be taken away from him.

Open paper with a discussion of: (Topic sentence #1) - Learns to value women while in jail, Nate learns how to value women. While in jail, women is an obvious thing that they don't have access to. He then realizes how important women are in life, and how different they are than men.

Then move to a discussion of: (Topic sentence #2) Learns to value freedom. It is obvious that he learns how to value freedom while he is in prison. He's cooped up for most of his time, and has to ask permission for everything he does.

Build up to a discussion of: (remember, this should be the section of your paper with the most convincing, or strongest, evidence) (Topic sentence #3) - value respect.

Before Nate went to jail, respect was an important thing around where he lived. People would get killed if they felt someone was disrespecting them. But when he went to jail, all that was taken away from him.

Conclude with this thought:

In the book Makes me wanna holler by Nathan McCall throughout the book

Quotes to use in my first body paragraph:

What part of my argument the quote supports:

Quote # 1  
 I thought more about women than I had in my entire life. I'd think about all the hatred and abuse the folks and I had heaped on women, and I'd promise myself that if I ever got out of prison, I would never really consider what women added to the world. Then I realized that if prison was any indication, a world without women would be crazy. pg 206

Quote # 2  
 As I never really consider what women added to the world. Then I realized that if prison was any indication, a world without women would be crazy. pg 206

Both of these quotes show that women is one thing that will be taken away from you when you go to prison. This teaches him how to value life

Quotes to use in my second body paragraph:

What part of my argument the quote supports:

Quote # 1  
 Then he called heavy cover and said, "Tell us about niggers and flies head." Heavy smiled broadly and recited "Niggers and flies, I despise... pg 176  
 "One day the farm worker got to me so much that... pg 176

Quote # 2  
 "One day the farm worker got to me so much that... pg 176

Both these quotes symbolize how easy the prison guards can take that privilege of respect away from you.

Quotes to use in my third body paragraph:

What part of my argument the quote supports:

Quote # 1  
 My number was 10-63-80. That number became more important to me than my name, it was used to identify my mail, guards addressed me by it... pg 169

Quote # 2  
 Inmates in C1 were I started, were locked in their cells... pg 171

In this quote Vayna went from being free and able to do whatever he wants to being identified as a number  
 As he went up in the prison system, he gained more freedom, from C1, to B1



## Graphic Organizer for Writing Conclusions

Transitional phrase: (In conclusion, In summation, Finally, In the end)

Brandon believes that...

Restate your thesis in a new way by stressing its importance. (Focus on the proposal and significance.)

Nathan doesn't learn how to value life, until he learns how quickly it can be taken away from him. This becomes the most significant part of the book, and his life. For example, he learns how to value respect.

Synthesize your reason. Don't just repeat your reasons and evidence, explain how they all fit together to support your thesis.

In the black community respect is a big issue and expectation. A <sup>lot of</sup> conflicts start because people feel disrespected in some type of way. But when you go to a place where you don't get the respect you deserve, you see how much respect can affect your life.

Redirect your readers. Give the reader something to think about like: Make a connection between your topic and its relevance to the society and/or the world. (Strategies: challenge the reader, looking to the future, posing questions)

Although respect may not seem like a big thing in your community, it is in others. It can also respect can affect and does affect a lot of people's lives and decisions.