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English 10H
Mrs. Howard

Text-Analysis Response

Your Task: Closely read the text of Atticus' closing speech to the jury and write a well-developed, text-based response of four paragraphs. In your response, identify a central idea in the text and analyze how the author's use of *one* writing strategy (literary element or literary technique or rhetorical device) develops this central idea. Use strong and thorough evidence from the text to support your analysis. Do *not* simply summarize the text. You may use the margins to take notes as you read and scrap paper to plan your response.

Guidelines:

Be sure to:

- Identify a central idea in the text.
- Analyze how the author's use of *one* writing strategy (literary element or literary technique or rhetorical device) develops this central idea. Example include: characterization, conflict, denotation/connotation, metaphor, simile, irony, language use, point-of-view, setting, structure, symbolism, theme, tone, etc.
- Use strong and thorough evidence from the text to support your analysis.
- Organize your ideas in a cohesive and coherent manner.
- Maintain a formal style of writing.
- Follow the conventions of standard written English.

Outline:

Introduction:

- Introduce the novel (TAG) and a brief overview of the scene. This will be done in several sentences.
- Thesis should state both the central idea of the text and the literary element you will discuss.

Body Paragraph #1

- Topic Sentence
 - Introduces the central idea of the passage.
- Specific textual examples that show how the central idea is developed in the passage
 - Be sure to include *AT LEAST ONE QUOTE* from the passage in your paragraph.
- Clincher
 - Sums up how the central idea relates to the passage.

Body Paragraph #2

- Topic Sentence
 - Introduces the literary technique of the passage (only **ONE** is required).
- Specific textual examples and analysis of how the literary strategy is used in the passage
 - Be sure to quote the specific line of the literary technique in your paragraph.
- Clincher
 - Sums up how the literary technique develops the passage

Conclusion

- Restate central idea of the passage
- Sum up how the central idea is developed in the passage
- Sum up how the literary technique helps to develop the central idea
- Clincher
 - Make one final claim about the central idea of the passage that will leave the reader with something to think about.

