**Checklist for Literary Analysis Essay**

Essay Format and Content:

* Your essay has five paragraphs: one introductory paragraph, three body paragraphs, and one concluding paragraph.
* Your introductory paragraph contains an attention getting statement (hook), necessary evidence to introduce the story/context, and a thesis statement.
	+ Your thesis statement appears at the end of the first/introductory paragraph and it answers the prompt you chose directly.
	+ Your thesis statement mentions the three characteristics you will support with evidence in your body paragraphs.
* Each body paragraph has a topic sentence that introduces one of the three characteristics.
	+ Each characteristic and its corresponding paragraph are introduced in the same order they were listed in your thesis statement.
* Each body paragraph has two strong pieces of evidence from the text—quoted or paraphrased.
	+ Each piece of evidence mentioned above has been introduced properly/seamlessly woven into the rest of your writing.
	+ Each piece of evidence has supporting commentary/analysis/explanation.
	+ Each piece of evidence has parenthetical citation.
* Each body paragraph has a concluding sentence.
* Your concluding paragraph restates the thesis (different wording), as well as some of your main points/topic sentences.
* Your concluding paragraph ends with a clincher: a statement that answers “So what?” and tells of the greater significance of your topic (a lesson, moral, etc.).

MLA Format and Online Submission:

* The entire paper is double spaced.
* The entire paper is in size 12 Times New Roman font.
* The margins are set to 1” all around.
* Your heading appears in the top left corner of the body of the paper (NOT the header) and is displayed in the order that follows:
	+ Your Name (first line)
	+ Ms. Graham Helton (second line)
	+ English I, \_\_\_ Hour (third line—be sure to input your hour)
	+ \_\_\_ October 2014 (fourth line—be sure to add the day on the blank line but NO punctuation)
* The title of your paper appears in the line afterward and is centered, but still in plain text.
* Your last name and page number are in the top right corner of the page in the header.
* Citations are included after direct quotes and paraphrasing of events from the text, but before end punctuation in the sentence.
	+ Citations follow this format: (Author’s Last Name + Page Number).
		- Example: (Poe 214).
		- Note: If the author and text are the same throughout a paragraph, you may use only the page number after the first full citation for that paragraph.
			* Example: (214).