

In-Class Essay Prompt and Rubric

Prompt/Question: Analyze Hurston’s use of one motif in *Their Eyes Were Watching God* and how it illustrates one of the novel’s themes. In other words, what is the theme of the novel, and how is that theme illustrated throughout the text?

<p>Question: Did you answer all parts of the prompt? Is your thesis clear? Does the thesis state your arguable, defensible position? Do your topic sentences relate to the thesis statement?</p>	<p>YES = 3 ALMOST = 2 UNCLEAR = 1</p>	<p>SCORE</p>
<p>Organization: Is thesis fully developed through your claims and analysis? Do you follow the format instructed for writing the introduction, body, and conclusion paragraphs? Do you avoid summarizing but present a clear analysis/argument? Does each body paragraph have clear topic and concluding sentences?</p>	<p>DEVELOPED = 3 ADEQUATE = 2 WEAK/UNDEVELOPED = 1</p>	
<p>Examples: You must have 2-3 solid examples and at least one quote. Are your examples relevant to your thesis? Have you introduced all quotations (XYZ)? Is each quotation fully analyzed and connected to the thesis?</p>	<p>RELEVANT = 3 ADEQUATE = 2 FEW/IRRELEVANT= 1</p>	
<p>Grammar/Voice: Do you have significant errors in grammar/spelling? Have you used only third person? Are all sentences clear and concise? Have you avoided contractions and abbreviations?</p>	<p>NONE = 0 FEW = -1 MANY = -2</p>	
<p>TOTAL POINTS</p>		

Score Conversion (50 points)

- 9 = 50 (rare)
- 8 = 48 (excellent)
- 7 = 46 (great)
- 6 = 43 (good)
- 5 = 39 (getting there)
- 4 = 36 (close)
- 3 = 32 (misunderstands prompt/incomplete thoughts)
- 2 = 30 (simplistic/vague)
- 1 = 25 (undeveloped/poorly written/does not address prompt)