**FINALIZING CHECKLIST FOR LITERARY ANALYSIS ESSAY**

* Is your title engaging? Does it suggest the approach you are taking in your paper?
* Does your first paragraph introduce your topic, name the writer and the work, and end with your thesis statement? Will it get the reader's attention?
* Does your introduction preview the main points?
* Does the introduction answer the who, what, where, when?
* Does your introduction include the time period,
* Is your thesis clear? Does it state the central idea of your paper? Does it contain a theme? Does it mention each novel, the characteristic, the Romanticism era, and how?
* Is your thesis arguable?
* Is your paper organized in a way that your reader will be able to follow?
* Does each topic sentence tie back into your thesis?
* Are your developmental paragraphs unified (everything in the paragraph relates to the topic of the paragraph) and coherent (everything in the paragraph is arranged in a logical order)? TRANSITIONING
* Have you used transitional words where necessary within each paragraph? Are there transitions linking all the paragraphs of your essay?
* Have you used literary terms correctly? Do you explain how they relate to your theme?
* Have you used brief summary, paraphrase, specific details, and direct quotations? Have you explained why you are using them and how they support your thesis?
* Do you have 2-3 primary sources supporting each novel?
* Do you have secondary sources to support/define your thesis and point?
* Did you cite ALL borrowed information properly with page numbers if provided?
* Does each piece of supporting evidence have a piece of commentary that connects it back to the thesis/topic sentence? DO NOT SUMMARIZE or RESTATE THE QUOTATION.
* Does your concluding paragraph provide a sense of closure? Do you restate your thesis and tie all of your main points together?
* No new information in the conclusion.
* If you have used information from sources outside the actual work of literature (for example, books of criticism), have you documented this information properly?
* Have you proofread your final draft?
* Did you MLA format of 1” margins, double spacing, title centered not bold or underlined, header to include page number and last name, name block, Times New Roman 12 pt.,
* Did you use the spell check option? CLICK IT!
* Is the paper written in active voice?
* Is the word choice specific?
* Are the verb tenses all the same?
* Did you avoid run-on sentences, fragments, contractions, using “you” and “I”?

Adapted from: <http://www.gmc.edu/students/arc/documents/Literary%20analysis.pdf> & Jennifer Bennett from Sanderson High School.