

## Q28 Critical Lens Template:

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Critical Lens Essay Template A critical lens essay is a formulaic essay that uses a quotation to explore and analyze works of literature.

**\*\*Use the organizer below as a guide to assist you in composing a critical lens essay using two literary works.\*\***

*(Author of quote)* once said, ("write exact quote.") This quote means that *(explanation of quote)*. I *(agree /disagree)* with the quote. Many examples of this idea can be found in literature. Both *(book one)* by *(author)* and *(book two)* by *(author)*, use *(literary element #1)* and *(literary element #2)* to show *(your meaning of the quote)*.

In *title of work #1* by *author's name*, the author uses the literary elements to show *(meaning of the quote)*. *(The author)* uses both, *(literary device #1)* and *(literary device #2)*, in this *(genre)*. The *(literary device #1)* supports the critical lens by showing *(explanation)*. For example, *(explain in 2 sentences an example from the literature that shows the literary element you just chose)* The *(literary device #2)* supports the critical lens by showing *(explanation)*. For instance, *(explain in 2 sentences an example from the literature that shows the literary element you just chose)* This shows *(summarize how the book shows the meaning of the quote)*.

Another work of literature that supports the critical lens is *title of work #2* by *author's name*. In this case, *(the author)* uses *(literary device #1)* and *(literary device #2)*. The *(literary device #1)* supports the critical lens by showing *(explanation)*. For example, *(explain in 2 sentences an example from the literature that shows the literary element you just chose)* In this *genre*, the *(literary device #2)* supports the critical lens by showing *(explanation)*. For instance, *(explain in 2 sentences an example from the literature that shows the literary element you just chose)* This shows *(summarize how the book shows the meaning of the quote)*.

As you can see, *(work of literature #1)* by *(author)* and *(work of literature #2)* by *(author)*, use *(literary element #1)* and *(literary element #2)* to show *(your meaning of the quote)*. *(Tell how work #1 related to the quote)*. *(Tell how work #2 related to the quote)*. In conclusion, *(write one sentence that summarizes what this essay is about)*.