**Writing a Literature Essay**

**FORMAT**

**Your essay should be creatively written. Use persuasive language techniques throughout your essay to write in an honest and engaging personal voice. The essay argument should be strong, authoritative but also interesting and clever in its construction.**

**INTRODUCTION**

**Consider how you can begin our essay in an innovative way: a statement, a question,**

**emotive words, an anecdote, a quotation, pun, contrast or another engaging language technique (simile, metaphor, personification, hyperbole…)**

**In addition you should include (IN ANY ORDER):**

* Text Title (in quotation marks or underlined)
* Author
* Words from the question
* The point you will discuss
* **Overall message of your essay (spend a couple of lines on this if necessary)**

**POINTS**

You must include in **EACH point**

- Your **STATEMENT** about what the point will be about

- An **EXPANSION OF THIS POINT** with relevant details from the text

**EXAMPLE(S):** Include quoted examples from the text that support your point.

**RESPONSE:** Always explain what your quotations show. What is your response to the information you have presented? What does the reader learn about the setting, characters, events, ideas/issues that **are relevant to your essay topic.** **GO FURTHER**: What does the reader learn about the world and human nature from your discussion?

**Optional:** You can include a **RELEVANT CROSS-REFERENCE** from an additional text, an actual event (historical or modern), a quotation from a similar context/idea, a philosophy, conducted research etc.

* **When cross-referencing, make sure that you relate back to your original text when making the connection.**

**4) CONCLUSION**

**You restate (IN ANY ORDER):**

* Text Title (in quotation marks or underlined)
* Author
* Words from the question
* A summary of what you have discussed and what the reader should have learned about key aspects of the text/ the wider world/human nature, **in relation to your essay topic.**

**USE THE WORDS OF THE ESSAY TOPIC TO KEEP YOU ON TRACK.**