

Author Study: Kate Chopin 11th/12th

Task Template 21 - Informational or Explanatory

How does Chopin use character development to shape themes for larger political and social commentary? After reading "The Awakening", "The Story of an Hour", "Desiree's Child" and "The Storm", write article in which you analyze character development specifically in relation to other characters in the text and generally in relation to social and political context, providing examples to clarify your analysis.

- **D 3** What conclusions or implications can you draw?
- **D 8** Include bibliography or works cited.

Existentialism and Kafka 10th

Task Template 11 - Informational or Explanatory

After researching essays and articles on existentialism, write essay in which you define existentialism and explain its impact on Franz Kafka's work "The Metamorphosis". Support your discussion with evidence from your research.

- **D 3** What conclusions can you draw?
- **D 8** Include in text citations and a works cited page.

Jumping Frog of Calaveras County 8th

Task Template 6 - Argumentation

Is Mark Twain's story of a jumping frog satire or only humorous? After reading The Jumping Frog of Calaveras County, write essay in which you discuss "satire" and "humor" and evaluate whether Twain's writing was satire or humor. Support your position with evidence from the text(s).

Pandemic 10th

Task Template 8 - Argumentation

Which is more important: scientific freedom or the public's right to safety? After reading three articles on the sequencing and publishing of the genes for the 1918 flu pandemic, write an editorial in which you identify a problem regarding the sharing of potentially dangerous scientific research in the public sphere, and propose a solution. Support your position with evidence from the text(s).

- **D 1** Be sure to examine competing views.
- **D 2** Give one or more example/s from past or current events to illustrate and clarify your position.

Rethinking Ophelia 11th/12th

Task Template 14 - Informational or Explanatory

How can a gender theoretical lens shape the way Ophelia is perceived in Hamlet? After reading Hamlet and other essays, write a literature review of each of the three essays in which you describe and analyze the content of each reading from a gender perspective. Support your discussion with evidence from the text(s).

Rhetorical Analysis for Pre-AP 10th/11th

Task Template 21 - Informational or Explanatory

How does Sarah Vowell use rhetorical elements in the essay "Shooting Dad," and how does the use of these elements create a specific effect? After reading selected texts, write an essay in which you analyze the author's rhetorical strategies to answer these questions, providing examples to clarify your analysis.

- **D 3** What conclusions or implications can you draw?

The Lottery 6th

Task Template 21 - Informational or Explanatory

How does Shirley Jackson's choice of words and phrases in "The Lottery" impact the tone of the story? After reading "The Lottery" by Shirley Jackson, write essay in which you analyze the impact of word choice on the story's tone, providing examples to clarify your analysis.

- **D 8** Include citations.

The Power of Language 6th-8th

Task Template 23 - Informational or Explanatory

How does language structure shape meaning? After reading , "Birches," "Trees," "Thirteen Ways with Figs" and the Fig Butter Recipe, write an essay in which you compare the effects of different language structures on meaning. Support your discussion with evidence from the text(s).

The Scarlet Letter and Hester Prynne 11th

Task Template 6 - Argumentation

Is Hester Prynne a virtuous woman? After reading The Scarlet Letter, write an essay in which you discuss Hester's Prynne's character attributes and evaluate her virtues in connection with Proverbs 31. Support your position with evidence from the text(s).

TO BE OR NOT TO BE: The Evolution of Hamlet's Personality 11th/12th

Task Template 23 - Informational or Explanatory

How does Hamlet's personality evolve during the course of the play? After reading , write essay in which you compare his state of mind early in the play to his state of mind late in the play. Support your discussion with evidence from the text(s).