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**Qualities of Good Writing –**

**Paragraph Discussing the Use of Suspense in “The Monkey’s Paw”**

**Structure**

* An introductory or topic sentence starts the paragraph.
	+ States main idea
	+ States the author and title of the piece of literature being analyzed
	+ Responds to the question or prompt - using its wording
		- Discuss the use of suspense in “The Monkey’s Paw.”
	+ Topic Sentences developed in class may be used.
	+ A topic sentence should be a separate sentence; it should not contain the first supporting idea.
* Supporting ideas are given, proving the main idea stated in the topic sentence.
	+ Each supporting idea is introduced in a separate sentence before it is developed.
		- The supporting idea is then well developed by specific evidence from the story.
		- This evidence may be related in three ways.
			* directly quoted – an entire sentence, a clause, a phrase, or individual words
			* paraphrased
			* referred to generally
		- At least one direct quote is used as evidence for each supporting idea.
* Ideas are in a logical order that is obvious to the reader.
	+ The order is conveyed to the reader in the introduction of each supporting area.
		- The reader understands why the first supporting area was addressed first.
		- The reader understands how the second supporting area relates to the first.
		- The reader understands how the third supporting area relates to the second.
	+ Ideas in each supporting area are introduced in a logical order.
	+ Counting (First, Second, Next, Last, Finally, etc.) cannot replace the reader’s understanding of a logically planned order.
* A concluding thought on the use of suspense ends the reflection.
	+ Leaves the reader thinking about the story or suspense in general
	+ Does not repeat the topic sentence

**Ideas**

* Ideas are accurate.
	+ to the story
	+ to the techniques used to develop suspense
	+ to our study of literary analysis
* Ideas are clearly stated. - Unclear ideas are marked with a “?”
* Strong – The best evidence available to prove the main idea has been chosen.
	+ Enough evidence is provided for each supporting idea
* Specific – Ideas and support details are directly tied to specific identifiable uses of suspense in the story.
* Pertinent – On topic
	+ Ideas focus on the use of suspense or aspects of the story needed to understand an aspect of suspense in the story.

**Word Choice**

* Student has obviously chosen some words that go beyond a common, general choice to strengthen his or her ideas because they fit the idea very well.
	+ Ex. – Mr. White angry about the lack of change in his life. – Mr. White explodes into a rage about the weather revealing his desperate frustration with the lack of change he has experienced over the course of his life.
* The student has circled two such words in the paper that he or she believes shows effort to find strong words.

**Variety of Sentence Structures and Lengths**

* SV.
	+ Ex. - Mr. White had invited the Sergeant-Major to the house.
* SV, conjunction SV.
	+ Ex. - Mr. White and Herbert play chess, while Mrs. White knits.
* Introductory phrase or clause, SV.
	+ Ex. - When he hears Mrs. White trying to open the door, Mr. White searches for the monkey’s paw to use its last wish.
* Short sentences
* Long sentences

**See Conventions on next page.**

**Conventions, or commonly held standards of the culture, are used.**

* Paper layout
	+ The student’s full name, class and hour are written in the top right corner
		- Attached find an example.
		- This can be done using the header function, as demonstrated in class.
	+ A title appears on the top line
		- The title is a creative title introducing the ideas in your paragraph
			* The .title cannot be the title of the story being analyzed
			* The title cannot be a description of the assignment.
	+ A line is skipped after the title
	+ Paragraphs are indented.
	+ Space is left for comments.
		- 1 inch margins are left on each side of paper: top, bottom, left and right.
		- If handwritten, every other line is skipped.
		- If typed, double-spaced.
	+ Writing is very legible.
		- If the paper is typed, size 11 font of a standard style is used and the paper is double spaced.
* Full sentences are used.
	+ Sentences start with capital letter.
	+ Sentences have end punctuation.
	+ A sentence must express a complete thought.
		- no fragments – just a part of another thought
		- no run-ons – two separate thoughts incorrectly joined by a comma, even if they are related
* Spelling is correct.
* Homonyms are used correctly.
	+ To/too/two
	+ Their/there/they’re
	+ Where/were
* Plurals are correctly formed - –y changes to –ies
	+ Ex. family changes to families
* ‘s is used for possession, not plural
* Avoid contractions.
	+ Ex. ~~Don’t~~ – do not, ~~it’s~~ – it is
* Capital letters are used correctly.
	+ Proper nouns are capitalized.
	+ Capital letter are used to begin sentences.
	+ Capital letter are not randomly used because one doesn’t prefer to write the lower case letter.
* Write in third person. -  ~~I, me, we, you, no “ I think . . .~~”
	+ The words “I think” can just be eliminated and the sentence will remain the same.
		- Ex. ~~I think~~ ~~that~~ the characters’ weaknesses are made clear from the beginning. - The characters’ weaknesses are made clear from the beginning.
* Avoid vague pronoun reference – Exs. - They? Who?, It? What?
	+ Use specific nouns –
		- Ex. - The street ~~they~~ live on . . . . - The street the Whites live on . . . .
		- Ex. – ~~It~~ twisted in his hand. - The monkey’s paw twisted in his hand.
* Use present tense when writing about literature.
	+ Ex. - The monkey’s paw ~~twisted~~ in his hand. – The monkey’s paw twists in his hand.
* Errors concerning the following are marked for feedback only but are not graded –
	+ commas, semicolons, colons, quotation marks

Example of typed paper’s format

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Example of handwritten paper’s format

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