Mrs. Graves

English II

Paper 4

*A Tale of Two Cities* Rhetorical Analysis Paper Description

**Paper Length:** 3-5 pages

**Paper Workshop Dates:**

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**Purpose:** analyze Dickens' use of diction, literary devices, and rhetorical strategies in *A Tale of Two Cities* to understand and evaluate the literal and figurative meaning of the text as well as the author's intent.

**Rhetorical Analysis Outline:** Explicit Questions, Implicit Questions (Analysis—meaning), and Transcending Text Questions (Purpose)

1. **Introduction:** Author, Title, Brief Summary (1-2 sentences), Audience, Thesis Statement (What is the purpose? What is the writer’s intention?)
2. **Body:** (Use your Rhetorical Analysis I, II, and II papers as the basis for the body of your paper)
   1. Paragraphs follow this basic structure: (literal, analysis, purpose)
      1. General Statement (topic sentence)
      2. Explain the statement
      3. Give an example(s): “quote”/evidence
      4. Explain the quote in light of the statement
      5. Concluding thoughts
   2. Option 1**:** Elements
      1. Structure
         1. Order to show a purpose
         2. Why would Dickens wait to have the readers get emotionally involved?
      2. Use of Metaphor
      3. Use of Foreshadowing
   3. Option 2: Sections of the Book (each section may have multiple paragraphs)
      1. Start with the title
      2. Consider main events in chronological order
3. **Conclusion**: Significance
   1. Why did Dickens write this?
   2. What is the significance of the story?
   3. How is your reading of the text a good way to help another reader?

Outline Examples

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| Option 1 | Option 2 |
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