

## Short Story Theme Essay: Peer Workshop

Reviewer's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Writer's Name \_\_\_\_\_

### Introduction

Answer these questions	Write comments in this box about each question
Is there a hook? Is it interesting? Why or why not?	
Are the title and author of the story introduced? Are the main points of the story summarized?	
Is there a thesis statement? Is it clear and focused? Does it clearly lay out the focus of the essay?	
Does the summary of the novel connect to the thesis, or does the thesis come out of nowhere?	

### Body Paragraph 1

Is there a <u>claim</u> ? Does the claim include a transition?	
Does the claim introduce the focus of the paragraph? Is it something someone could disagree with?	
Is there <u>background</u> (summary) to set the scene for the evidence?	
Is there a strong piece of <u>evidence</u> ? Is it cited properly? Could the evidence be stronger? How?	

<p>Is there <u>strong, thorough analysis</u>?  <i>Remember, analysis is the writer's interpretation of the evidence and explains how it supports the claim</i></p>	
<p>Is there another piece of evidence with background, a citation, and analysis?—Offer the writer some suggestions for improvement.</p>	
<p>Does the writer <u>reiterate</u> the major ideas and claim of the paragraph? Is it clear the paragraph is coming to an end?</p>	

## **Body Paragraph 2**

<p>Is there a <u>claim</u>? Does the claim include a transition?</p>	
<p>Does the claim introduce the focus of the paragraph? Is it something someone could disagree with?</p>	
<p>Is there <u>background</u> (summary) to set the scene for the evidence?</p>	
<p>Is there a strong piece of <u>evidence</u>? Is it cited properly? Could the evidence be stronger? How?</p>	
<p>Is there <u>strong, thorough analysis</u>?  <i>Remember, analysis is the writer's interpretation of the evidence and explains how it supports the claim</i></p>	
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### **Conclusion**

Does the conclusion restate the important ideas of the paper, as well as the thesis? Does it reflect on the importance of the major ideas of the paper? Does it answer the question “So what?” How could the conclusion be stronger?	
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*Now, offer the writer the following **in complete sentences**:*

What are **three** things you liked about the paper?

What are **two** suggestions you have for the writer to improve/strengthen the paper?

What is **one** question you have for the writer (related to the essay) after reading and reviewing the paper?