

Final Exam Essay - Literary Argument Essay - Question 3 on AP Exam

Each question will begin with an introductory statement about a topic and will follow with a specific application of that topic. Students will be asked to select a novel or novels that illustrate the topic assigned. Using the selected novels, students will be required to explain the individual function of the element and explain how it contributes to the meaning of the whole...

An example:

Carl Jung, a renowned behavioral psychologist, recognized that certain personalities appear over and over again throughout time and history and coined the word "archetype" to name these recurring personalities. Though Jung applied his ideas to "real life", authors find great application of these character types in their fictional works. Select a novel or play from the list below, and write an essay analyzing how archetypes function in that work and what it reveals about the characters or themes of the work as a whole. Do not merely summarize plot.

Past topics:

- Internal conflict; conflicting forces that act upon a character
- The role of mystery and investigation
- The role of illness: physical and/or mental
- The role of secrecy and the unknown
- Archetypes; foils
- Morally ambiguous characters
- Betrayal and loyalty
- How the past affects the future/present
- The role of symbolism
- Journeys
- Political and social issues
- Cultural conflict
- Individual versus society
- The question of identity
- Death and dying
- Power struggles