English 10

Critical Analysis Paper

**General information:**

* Pick a theory: Feminist, Marxist, Freudian psychoanalysis, queer theory, postcolonial, or Jungian psychoanalysis
* Pick a story: Any short story, book, movie, video game, TV series, etc.
* You will write a 4+ page essay (plus a works cited page, making it 5)
* Your essay will analyze the story of your choice with your chosen theory… Past examples include Marxist analyses of *Breaking Bad* and *Full Metal Jacket* and feminist readings of *Twilight* and *Frozen*
* Either: Pick a story you already know/like and match it to a theory OR pick a theory you like and match it to a story that fits the theory. Either way can be a great jumping-off point.

**Specific requirements:**

* At least 4 pages: 12 pt. Times New Roman font, double spaced
* MLA format for paper, in-text citations, and works cited page
* Only one source required, the primary text you are critiquing
* No in-text citations required for citing primary text (your story)
* If you do research, also cite that research in-text and in the works cited
* First paragraph should be an introduction with a clear thesis and previewing of your main points
* Last paragraph should be a conclusion with a clear summary of the paper and strong closing thoughts that wraps up your reading of the text

**Grading:**

* 100 points (10% of semester grade)
* Out of 100 points.
  + Content = 50 pts.
    - Introduction with clear thesis and preview of main points = 10
    - Supporting paragraphs clearly connected to theory/text= 30
    - Conclusion with clear summary of paper, closing thoughts=10
  + Conventions = 20 pts.
    - Spelling, capitalization, punctuation = -1 pt. for every 2 errors
    - Correct sentence structure = -1 pt. per error
  + Organization = 20 pts.
    - Paragraphs flow well, transitioned used well
    - Points docked if the essay is difficult to follow for readers
  + MLA formatting = 10 pts.
    - Format: Top left, top right, title, font, spacing, etc. = 5
    - Works cited page in MLA format = 5

**Note: A paper that is turned in without a works cited page will not be considered complete until the works cited page is done. You only need to have one source. You can do this. Let me know if you have a question or two or twenty.**

**Due:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_