

Explication Essay Checklist

General Writing Requirements

___ Thesis statement clearly states a characteristic of Renaissance Humanism.

___ Each paragraph is unified with a topic sentence.

The Birth of Venus

Identification of two elements in the painting

___ element #1

___ element #2

An analysis uses a literary tool to break each element down into smaller parts

___ element #1

___ element #2

Explanation of how each element relates to Renaissance Humanism

___ element #1

___ element #2

The Tragedy of Hamlet

Identification of two examples from the play

___ element #1

___ element #2

An analysis uses a literary tool to break each example down into smaller parts

___ element #1

___ element #2

Explanation of how each example relates to Renaissance Humanism.

___ element #1

___ element #2

Conclusion

___ The conclusion restates the thesis and goes beyond the thesis by stating something worthwhile (e.g. reach a judgment, discuss findings, offer directives, makes a thought provoking statement)

___ The conclusion does not present new ideas or issues.