

**Essay Topics: NIGHT/THE METAMORPHOSIS**

*Choose one of the following topics and develop it fully into a standard five-paragraph essay. Be sure to include an introduction, three supporting paragraphs, and a conclusion. Pay careful attention to focus, organization, support, and conventions. Follow the attached rubric and be sure to include at least one quote from the text of your choice.*

1. Different people grieve in different ways.
2. Suicide is not a viable option for dealing with pain.
3. As young people grow up, they discover that things and people are not necessarily what they seem: while struggling with evil, it is easy to become contaminated by its influence.
4. The desire for revenge is a deadly thing.
5. Politicians legally manipulate the American people as well as the modern world.
6. In our throwaway society, many people view those who are different from themselves as disposable.
7. True relationships can't be destroyed by anger or poor choices.
8. Hypocrisy is single-handedly choking out our future.
9. Maturity means knowing the answers to three very basic questions in life: Who am I? Where is my home? Who is my father (authority figure)?

Due Dates: Brainstorming and first draft \_\_\_\_\_  
Peer Evaluation/Writers' Workshop \_\_\_\_\_  
Final Essay Packet \_\_\_\_\_

## WRITING RUBRIC

### INTRO (10 pts.)

- \_\_\_\_\_ Attention getter/hook
- \_\_\_\_\_ general info or background info
- \_\_\_\_\_ Thesis Statement
- \_\_\_\_\_ names issue
- \_\_\_\_\_ takes a stand

### BODY (20 pts.)

- \_\_\_\_\_ Topic Sentence
- \_\_\_\_\_ General evidence of support
- \_\_\_\_\_ Supporting details relating examples from literature
- \_\_\_\_\_ Supporting details relating modern experience
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### CONCLUSION (10 pts.)

- \_\_\_\_\_ Repeats main idea (thesis)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Summarizes

### CONVENTIONS (20 pts.)

- \_\_\_\_\_ Double spaced
- \_\_\_\_\_ No use of you, I
- \_\_\_\_\_ No reference to essay
- \_\_\_\_\_ Correct Quote
- \_\_\_\_\_ Proofread
- \_\_\_\_\_ Spelling, Fragments, Run-ons

## **Peer Evaluation Rubric**

### **Questions to ask yourself before you give your partner your essay**

1. Have I explored my topic thoroughly?
2. Have I managed to explain my viewpoint? (Is my purpose clear?)
3. Did I include only those ideas, descriptions, or events that are clearly related to my topic? (Did I focus?)
4. Did I use supporting examples from the texts?
5. Did I use supporting examples from modern life?
6. Will my readers understand what I'm saying? Have I left out any critical information?

### **Questions to ask your peer evaluator after he/she has read your essay**

1. In your own words, what do you think I'm saying?
2. What is the most interesting evidence I present?
3. Is there anything you would like to know more about?
4. Are there any places I provide unnecessary information?
5. What conclusions do you think I've drawn from the evidence I presented?
6. What parts of this essay do you think I should change?

### **Questions to answer for your self-evaluation after discussing your essay with your partner**

1. What is good about this paper?
2. What still needs work?
3. What did my evaluator say about my personal style of writing?