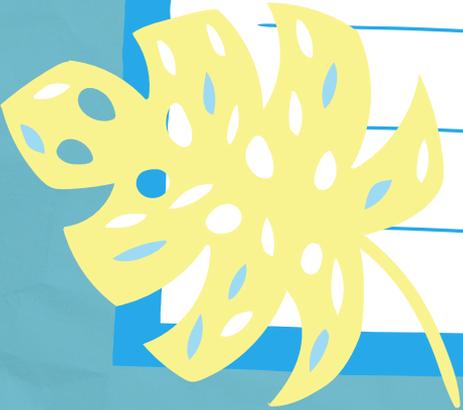


# Beyond the Five Paragraph Essay



Week 3: Analysis

# What does it mean to analyze?

- Analyze means “to separate a subject into its parts (analyze).”
- The process of analyzing involves breaking an object into its parts and examining those parts.



# Analyzing for Essay Writing

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- ❑ Examine how you think/feel about the text.
- ❑ Create a working thesis as you may need to return and adjust the thesis.

# Analyzing a Piece of Literature

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- Choose a piece of ★ fiction.
- ★ fiction is complicated and open to interpretation.
- You must include proof to support your analysis.

# Theme: The Message

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- Common topics that lead to the theme:
  - Coming of Age
  - Survival
  - Friendship
  - Love
  - Forgiveness

## Mother to Son, Langston Hughes

Well, son, I'll tell you:  
Life for me ain't been no crystal stair.  
It's had tacks in it,  
And splinters,  
And boards torn up,  
And places with no carpet on the floor—  
Bare;  
But all the time  
I've been a'climbin' on,  
And reachin' landin's,

And turnin' corners,  
And sometimes goin' in the dark,  
Where there ain't been no light.  
So boy, don't you turn back;  
Don't you sit down on the steps,  
'Cause you finds it's kinder hard;  
Don't you fall now—  
For I've still goin', honey,  
I've still climbin',  
And life for me ain't been no crystal stair

# The Lesson



# Look for Literary Devices

Ring-a-ring o' roses,  
A pocket full of  
posies, A-tishoo! A-  
tishoo!  
We all fall down



# Assignment

Choose a piece of fiction

Analyze the theme or lesson of the work

Objective:

Provide proof from the text to support your thesis and the analysis.

1.5 pages

12 pt font/double spaced



## FORMATTING

### APA - General Layout

**Title Page:** This page should include the running head, full title, your name, and the name of the college that you attend. Make sure to center your full title, name, and college.

**Page Numbering:** Add page numbers to the top, right-hand corner of each page.

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