

Reading 96~97 ~ C. Martin
Yellow Raft in Blue Water
Critical Thinking & Analysis Essay Guidelines

There are three analysis essays for this novel, one to follow each section of the book. See course calendar for specific due dates of each one.

Critical Thinking & Analysis (3 essays)

1. **Narrative essay with text analysis (2 pages).** Choose a character's struggle within the text that rings familiar with your own experiences. Draft an episode from your life that depicts this struggle. Now rewrite the episode from the view of another person in your life (friend, parent, partner, teacher, etc.). Your final essay may include both points of view or only one.

2. **Definition essay with text analysis (2 pages).** Choose an issue from the text that you are familiar with and/or want to research. After conducting information gathering, compose an essay that communicates the essence of the issue. Think about what your reader needs to know to better understand this issue from your perspective. Your final essay should fully define the issue.

3. **Persuasive essay with text analysis (2 pages).** Assert your stand on an issue discussed in the text. Be sure to support your opinion with factual research and intelligent language. Avoid finger pointing, soapbox ranting and wishy-washy opinions. In other words, be strong and focused, but don't slap your reader in the face.