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**KEEP IN BINDER!**

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Essay Tips **KEEP IN BINDER**

A literary essay will look like- Introduction

Body paragraph 1

Body paragraph 2

Body paragraph 3

Conclusion

This is a formal writing piece, which means NO PRONOUNS!

Do not use: I, me, my, you, your, we, they

(unless it is within the text you are quoting).

Punctuate quotation marks correctly:

* Use a comma to set off explanatory words.

EX: The narrator states**, “**You can see, quite clearly, how every action has a consequence**”** (DiCamillo 118).

* Ending punctuation goes after the parenthetical citation.

Use transition words and phrases:

* Use to connect each part of your essay.
* Use inside your paragraphs, not just at the beginning!

How to use parenthetical citation:

Always mention the author's name—either in the text itself or in the parenthetical citation—unless no author is provided.  
**If the author's name is mentioned in the text:**  
  
If the author's name is used in the text introducing the source material, then cite the page number(s) in parentheses:  
  
Kate DiCamillo shows Despereaux to be confident. “”I will be brave,” thought Despereaux. “I will try to be brave like a knight in shining armor”” (74).  
  
  
**If the author's name is not mentioned in the text:**  
  
If the author's name is not used in the sentence introducing the source material, then include the author's last name in the parenthetical citation before the page number(s). Note that no comma appears between the author's name and the page number(s).  
  
Despereaux tries to be confident. “”I will be brave,” thought Despereaux. “I will try to be brave like a knight in shining armor” (DiCamillo 74).

\*\* If you are quoting a quote, it need 2 sets of quotation marks!!\*\* (See example 1)

\*\* Ending punctuation of the quote goes after the parenthetical citation.\*\*

Citing your source of information:

At the end of your paper, you will write the citation of your source. It will go like this (check out the punctuation!):

Author’s last name, Author’s first name. *Title (in italics or underlined)*. Publisher, year published, page range.

EX: DiCamillo, Kate, *The Tale of Despereaux*, Scholastic, 2003, 11-270.