

Useful Notes for ENG 102 Classes/Essay Formatting

Explication-comprehensive treatment of analyzing a poem. Everything must work together to find a theme.

- unfolding the poem
- *-how does the poem develop its meaning?
- consider it as a discovery process

Introduction-

- Identify the poem, poet, speaker, situation, and at least one major theme
- Generalized meaning of poem's power and significance
- *-needs to be in thesis

Ex. In dramatic dialogue " [name of work]" by [author's full name], the speaker " " <- (statement of theme).

- Describes similarities
- Abstract images
- Reinforce speaker's despair

Ex: very despairing in an unstable world

- uses imagery to make an impression on our minds, carefully chosen.
- impressed at last once we 'get it' the way the author wants us to.
- worthless without imprint

Body-Identify and clearly explain the elements that cover the theme and reunite the theme. Support points through use of quotations (but not too lengthy!).

Conclusion- reinforce original thesis, say what your essay brings out in the poem.

- commentary
- own feelings on poem
- how does the poem apply to life today?
- *title is a clear reflection of your paper.

Ex. Loneliness in Robert Frost's "Desert Places"