**Explaining Literary Analysis**

**Writing Tips:**

-Write in the present tense for literature: Kino **says**this, Juana **does**that, etc.

-Avoid shifting tenses and POV

-Include proper MLA formatting

-Always spell out To *The Pearl* and put in Italics!

-Each paragraph should be 5-7 sentences

**Introduction:**

-For your introduction, begin by grabbing the reader’s attention. You can start with a quote from the book, an explanation of your theme, or an interesting story.

**Thesis:**

-Make sure your thesis statement is the last sentence of the first paragraph and that it includes your theme and three main points.

            -Do not use: “I chose this theme because…”

            -There should be no “I” or “you.” Stay in third person point of view!

**Body of Essay:**

-Your three main points from your thesis will be developed in order in three main body paragraphs.

-If, for example, my thesis is as follows, I will focus the first body paragraph on Juana, the second on Kino, and the third on Coyotito.

*Sample*: “Juana, Kino, and Coyotito are all affected by greed in *The Pearl*.”

*Example of first paragraph:*

Juana is affected by the Pearl even though she doesn’t have the same greed her husband does. At the beginning of the novella, the family was content with everything they had and even thought Juana and Kino didn’t talk much, they were happy and content. Juana sees early on that the pearl is changing her husband. “‘Kino,’ she said huskily, ‘I am afraid. A man can be killed. Let us throw the pearl back into the sea’” (57). Juana is begging her husband to throw the pearl back so that her family may be safe from harm. She sees that the pearl is changing her husband and she is worried for her family’s safety. In fact, she is like Kino’s conscience; she is reminding him of what is really important in life. Juana is affected by the greed of her husband, and worries for her family’s safety.

-Set off quotes as shown in the sample paragraph:

-Note: if you are using dialogue, you need to use a quote within a quote

-Note: The quote from the book must be WORD FOR WORD

-Note: Make sure to explain the quote/explain why you are using it

**-Conclusion:**

Restate thesis in new words in the first line of your conclusion.

-DO NOT JUST COPY AND PASTE!

            -Don’t end with a question

-This will make your writing MUCH STRONGER!!