

Close Reading Essay

Using your outline, write a 4 to 5 page essay (double spaced) that provides a close analysis of the lyrics and supports your thesis statement. **Your essay should be organized around specific textual examples that illustrate the literary elements you identified.** Your essay should be structured in the following way:

1. Introduction: Describe the general theme of the song and introduce your thesis statement. Provide a brief overview of the literary elements that you will use to analyze the lyrics.
2. Body: Use your outline to develop a paragraph for each Roman numeral. Make sure to clearly explain how each literary element supports your thesis. Each paragraph should have a topic sentence, which is a "mini-thesis" about what you are going to argue in that paragraph. Include excerpts from the lyrics in quotations. Utilize effective transitions between paragraphs and varied sentence structure.
3. Conclusion: Review and synthesize your essay's main points and explain how your examples fit together to support your thesis.
4. Add a title that summarizes the main idea or ideas of your essay.

Note that you do not need to comment on every single word or line of the lyrics.

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