

Use the following checklist to refine your essay as a group.

- Your thesis statement should be stated directly in your introduction and be proven throughout your body paragraphs.
- You must use at least one quotation from the novel in each of the three body paragraphs/sections to support your ideas.
 - These quotations must be correctly documented according to MLA guidelines.
- The paper must be typed in Times New Roman 12 point font and double-spaced.
- The paper must have a title...do not underline it or put it in quotes.
- Length – The paper should be at least one full page typed, but no more than two pages.
- Do not use contractions (except in direct quotations from the story)- they are informal
- Get rid of any 1st and 2nd person pronouns... keep your paper in 3rd person.
- Do not use any slang and non-specific words (thing, guy, a lot, kid, etc.)... also informal
- Check for any typing errors (to include spelling and grammar/punctuation)
- Tense shifts...write in all present or all past tense...be consistent.
- Underline or italicize book titles (do one or the other but not both).
- Do you have a minimum of 20 vocabulary words from sets 1-3 and are they in bold?