

GOOD TO GO:

NEEDS WORK:

**Fulfilling the Requirements of the Reflective Statement:**

- Address the cultural background of the interactive oral
- Address the contextual elements of the interactive oral
- Reflective Statement is 300-400 words or word count not listed

**Knowledge and Understanding:**

- Make sure your facts about the characters/events are correct.
- Address the cultural settings portrayed in each work.

**Appreciation of the Writer's Choices:**

- Analyze quotes for their literary merit (not simply plot)
  - o Structure of quote
  - o Technique and language of quote
  - o Style of quote

**Organization and Development:**

- State titles of works, authors' full names, and main characters' names in introduction and conclusion.
- Thesis is clearly stated
- State a topic sentence at the beginning of each body paragraph.
- Link each topic sentence with your thesis.
- Make sure you lead into your quotations.
- Quotes are appropriately dressed and do not stand on their own (NAKED QUOTES!)
- Restate thesis as first sentence of conclusion paragraph.
- Essay does not meet word requirement or word count is not listed.

**Language:**

- Create a title page according to MLA formatting.
- Create a heading (that will appear on each page) according to MLA formatting
- State an engaging title on title page.
- Italicize titles of novels, and do not place them within quote marks.
- Refer to works as "novels" or "stories" (whatever applies) instead of "books."
- Format citations with just the author's last name and page number in parentheses. Do not include "page," "pg.," or "p.," and do not include a comma.
- Place the citation at the very end of the sentence, and place the period after the citation.
- Eliminate the word "quote" to make arguments stronger.
- Use only third person point of view. Especially avoid using second person point of view (you).
- Use only present tense verbs. This is standard for all writing about literature.
- Eliminate passive voice. Do not use statements like "the daughter of..." and "...[shown/portrayed/etc.] by the author."
- Eliminate excess spacing on Works Cited page.
- Include the name of the translator (if applicable) in citations on Works Cited page.
- Grammar check completed.