TOP TEN TIPS FOR WRITING A LITERARY ESSAY

* Choose a meaningful title

* Brainstorm an outline
* Write in the present tense and in the third person.

* Write a clear thesis statement in one or two sentence at most that is your opinion but it can be opposed by others

* Start with a good "hook" to draw in the reader (a quote, a statistic, an anecdote)

* Cite quotations from the text in each paragraph that will support your points

* Be sure to avoid too many plot summaries in your essay

* Be sure that each point in your essay supports the THESIS and remind the reader of that fact in the conclusion of each Body Paragraph

* Summarize your main and secondary argument in the final conclusion paragraph using different words

* Make your last sentence a meaningful SO WHAT statement