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**Timed Essay Rubric**

**Ideas and Content**: (Counts double)

Each body paragraph SHOWS what the thesis promises by providing RELEVANT, SPECIFIC QUOTES, DETAILED EXPLANATIONS, and development of AUTHOR’S PURPOSE and OVERALL THEME OF THE NOVEL.

Advanced = 8 Proficient = 6 Basic = 4 Novice = 2

**Organization**:

Introduction displays an effective HOOK and a clear, complete THESIS that addresses the prompt in one sentence.

The body uses TOPIC SENTENCES that make use of transitions and state exactly what will be proven in the paragraph (theme + message about that theme). The order of the body follows the order given in thesis.

The conclusion works to reconnect with intro and RESTATES THE THESIS in a creative manner. The paper ends powerfully.

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**Conventions**

Writing displays correct SPELLING, CAPITALIZATION, PUNCTUATION, PARAGRAPHING, and GRAMMAR. Up to 5 errors is acceptable in the timed setting.

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Paper is neat and properly formatted with HEADING, appropriate FONT and SIZE, and centered TITLE. If handwritten, writing must be neat, legible, and still have the proper heading and title.

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