

# Motif Functional Analysis Essay

## Peer Review Worksheet

Writer: \_\_\_\_\_ Peer Reviewer: \_\_\_\_\_

**Directions:** Read through the essay, stopping at the end of each paragraph to consider the following checklist. Please check off and write all of your comments on the writer's draft, whether a paper copy or an online copy (i.e., Google Docs). They will use your comments to help improve their draft.

### Introduction

- ☐ Hook: Does the writer engage the reader in the first couple of sentences?
- ☐ Title of the work/author: Has the writer introduced the title and author of the text within the first few lines of the introduction?
- ☐ Does the writer provide relevant background information related to the topic?
- ☐ Thesis Statement: Does the writer clearly state how the evolution of a motif develops Janie's journey of self-discovery, tying it to a theme from the novel?

### First Body Paragraph

- ☐ Topic Sentence: Does it explain the function of the motif in an earlier part of the novel? If not, can you recommend how the writer can revise the topic sentence so that it explains the function of the motif in this specific section of the novel?
- ☐ Evidence: Has the writer used at least two pieces of evidence connected to their motif in this body paragraph? Is the evidence relevant to the topic sentence? If not, can you recommend a quote they might consider using?
- ☐ Analysis: For each quote used, is there analysis that explains the significance of the evidence and ties back to the topic sentence?

## Second Body Paragraph

- ☐ Topic Sentence: Does it explain the function of the motif in a later part of the novel? If not, can you recommend how the writer can revise the topic sentence so that it explains the function of the motif in this specific section of the novel?
- ☐ Evidence: Has the writer used at least two pieces of evidence connected to their motif in this body paragraph? Is the evidence relevant to the topic sentence? If not, can you recommend a quote they might consider using?
- ☐ Analysis: For each quote used, is there analysis that explains the significance of the evidence and ties back to the topic sentence?

## Third Body Paragraph

- ☐ Topic Sentence: Does it explain the function of the motif toward the end of the novel? If not, can you recommend how the writer can revise the topic sentence so that it explains the function of the motif in this specific section of the novel?
- ☐ Evidence: Has the writer used at least two pieces of evidence connected to their motif in this body paragraph? Is the evidence relevant to the topic sentence? If not, can you recommend a quote they might consider using?
- ☐ Analysis: For each quote used, is there analysis that explains the significance of the evidence and ties back to the topic sentence?

## Conclusion

- ☐ Is there a reference back to the thesis statement? Has the writer explained how the evolution of the motif develops Janie's journey and the novel's themes?
- ☐ Does the writer explain the significance of their thesis statement within the text?
- ☐ Does the writer explain the significance of their thesis statement outside of the text by making it universal?

## Organization and Writing Style

- ☐ Logical organization: Are the paragraphs arranged in a logical manner? If you think the paragraphs could/should be arranged in a different order, or if the writer needs to break apart a paragraph, let the writer know.
- ☐ Are the quotations smoothly integrated using one of the three methods of integration?
- ☐ Has the writer used transitions effectively to indicate the connection between ideas of how the motif evolves? Where could they add additional language to connect ideas between body paragraphs?

## At the end of the draft:

Identify one strength of this essay.

Identify one area that the writer could improve upon.