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*The Time Machine* Essay

Mr. Gathman • English 8

Directions: Choose one (1) of the following essay prompts. Write a 5 paragraph literary analysis. This essay must include a minimum of 3 quotes from *The Time Machine*. When complete, your essay must be in proper MLA format. The quotes from the prompts don’t count toward your 3 required quotes.

*Prompts:*

1. “Nature, too, is shy and slow in our clumsy hands. Some day all this will be better organized, and still better…The whole world will be intelligent, educated, and co-operating; things will move faster and faster towards the subjugation of Nature. In the end, wisely and carefully we shall readjust the balance of animal and vegetable life to suit our human needs” (Wells 39). Why would Wells believe that balance between nature and human life create order and be the wise/careful move?
2. “Yet her distress when I left her was very great, her expostulations at the parting were sometimes frantic, and I think, altogether, I had as much trouble as comfort from her devotion…Until it was too late, I did not clearly know what I had inflicted upon her when I left her. Nor until it was too late did I clearly understand what she was to me” (Wells 55). What is the importance of human contact or relationships at home or in an unfamiliar place?
3. “The strange exultation that so often seems to accompany hard fighting came upon me. I knew that both I and Weena were lost, but I determined to make the Morlocks pay for their meat” (96). What responsibility did the Time Traveller have in regard to keeping Weena safe?

*Timeline:*

\_\_\_\_ I have decided upon my topic and feel confident in my choice.

\_\_\_\_ I have completed my Graphic Organizer/Outline and am prepared to write.

\_\_\_\_ I have revised my Analytical Essay and am ready to turn in the Final Draft during class.

*Checklist:*

\_\_\_\_ My Analytical Essay (AE) consists of 5 paragraphs.

\_\_\_\_ My AE contains a minimum of 3 properly cited quotations from *The Time Machine*.

\_\_\_\_ The introduction contains a hook, reasoning, and a thesis statement.

\_\_\_\_ The thesis statement is both arguable and provable.

\_\_\_\_ Each body paragraph has a transition, topic sentence, evidence, and brief wrap-up.

\_\_\_\_ The evidence is roughly 90% analysis and 10% summary.

\_\_\_\_ All information from the text and other sources is cited properly.

\_\_\_\_ The conclusion restates the topic and thesis, and does not bring up new information.

\_\_\_\_ 1st and 2nd person pronouns are not used (I, you, we, our, etc.).

\_\_\_\_ I have proofread my AE, checking for errors in spelling, grammar and punctuation.

\_\_\_\_ My AE follows proper MLA format (typed or handwritten):

🡪 Double-spaced, Proper MLA Heading, Times New Roman, 12 point font

\_\_\_\_ I have completed all of the pre-writing work and stapled the papers in the following order:

🡪 Final AE (top), Rubric, Checklist, AE Draft & Peer Edits, Gr. Org.