Department of Spanish and Portuguese The University of Kansas Writing Assessment **340 Analytical essay rubric**.

- 1. Interesting and identifiable thesis is present early in the paper.
- 1. Non productive thesis;
- <u>2.</u> Thesis doesn't invite analytical argumentation; thesis present but not an accurate descriptor of the argument that follows; Original but rough/awkward; simplistic thesis that states the obvious;
 - 2) Uses solid examples that are particularly apt to the assignment and persuasive to support ideas.

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- <u>2.</u> series of "examples" constitute a summary of plot; details provided but without explanation as to what they are examples of; examples present but not on target—not well chosen; unclear use of examples; vague reference to examples without direct citation; improperly cited; examples are not engaged critically;
 - 3) Evidences close analysis of text
- 1. Summary of plot; disorganized; unsupported thesis; contextual information not integrated into textual analysis;
- <u>2.</u> good but superficial; too general; ambitious but rough; basic; average; disorganized and uncritical;
 - 4) There is a coherent shape and direction to the writing that leads to a conclusion that does not merely restate the introductory ideas.
- <u>1.</u> plot summary; disorganized,; unsupported argument; contextual information mentioned but not integrated into argument;

2. good but superficial/simplistic; good but not well supported by evidence; jumps back and forth between texts, with no explicit purpose that would justify such an approach;
5) Evidence of basic analytical vocabulary for literary studies.
1. confusion of terms; unfocused (non-productive) usage;
2. no examples of literary phenomena given; little use of terms; erroneous usage;
6) A variety of constructions, moods and tenses in an accurate and comprehensible manner. Some sophistication. No major errors.
1. basic; errors interfere with clarity of textual analysis; basic errors;
2. solid but minor problems;
7) Paper evidences good technical skills: spelling, accentuation, avoidance of Anglicism and obvious translations.
<u>1.</u> basic errors; conceptually sophisticated paper, but language use not commensurate; careless; interferes with analysis;
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