English 9

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***Between Shades of Gray* – Literary Essay**

You have been following several topics in your study guide as we read the novel together. Now you have to decide which topic you want to explore in detail. Over the next several days you will work through the process of writing a **literary essay.**

A literary essay is an extended piece of writing that allows you to express your insight and unique understanding of a piece of literature (in our case, the novel we have read). It is a formal, organized, thought-provoking type of writing. We will work together on the various elements that are required for a good essay. You’ll be an expert essay writer when we’re done!

Your essay will include the following components:

* introduction: 1 paragraph
* body: 3 – 5 paragraphs including at least one quotation per paragraph
* conclusion: 1 paragraph

We will focus on the basic skills of writing:

* organization
* content
* sentence structure
* voice
* grammar / format
* vocabulary

Length: 5 – 7 paragraphs

Format: formal

Due: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(whether you are at school or not)

**This is a great opportunity to show yourself and your teacher what you can do as a reader and as a writer. I’m looking forward to reading your essays.**

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***Between Shades of Gray* – Character Description**

You have been following several characters in your study guide as we read the novel together. Now you have to decide which character you want to describe. Over the next several days you will work through the process of writing a **character description**

Your description will include three paragraphs. Each paragraph will describe a different trait of the character. Use the organizing chart to get started.

Due: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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