***The Catcher in the Rye*: 200 points**

Compose an analysis essay in which you present a clearly stated argument (thesis statement) and support it through analysis and textual support (examples or excerpts from the texts). This essay should be at least **3 FULL** pages and include both MLA in-text citation and a Works Cited. Please refer to Purdue OWL’s MLA style guide to ensure you correctly cite sources (you can access Purdue OWL via a link under resources on the class website).

1. The movie *Field of Dreams* can be viewed as intertextual in that it contains many of the themes, symbols, and even representations of characters as *Catcher in the Rye*. Compose a compare and contrast essay in which you discuss the specific ways *Field of Dreams* speaks to *Catcher in the Rye*. Analyze their similarities and differences to support a larger argument pertaining to how *Field of Dreams* may expand, complicate, or attempt to answer the issues and themes presented in *Catcher in the Rye*. These issues and themes can include, but are not limited to, innocence, adulthood, corruption, preservation of innocence, the importance of innocence to adult survival, the problems created by an over-reliance on innocence in an adult world, how stories contribute or resolve these problems, censorship, etc.

**Considerations:**

Remember to:

1. Use present tense
2. Use a “what does what” thesis with a strong verb that does something (reflects, explores, represents, illustrates, etc.)
3. Avoid have/be and other weak verbs when possible
4. Introduce analytical arguments in the topic sentence of body paragraphs (Don’t lead up to your argument; present it, support it, and expand/complicate it.
5. Properly cite excerpts in correct MLA style
6. **No I or YOU**
7. Avoid conversational/informal language
8. **ANALYZE AND AVOID SUMMARY**!
9. Explain how your textual evidence (excerpts and paraphrases) support, expand, or complicate your argument
10. Introduce all excerpts
11. Most importantly, **READ ALOUD** to catch awkward language or common errors.

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Peer Review on turnitin.com: 50 Points

Final Draft: 100 Points **Total Points Possible: 200 Points**