

# Rubric for *All the King's Men*: Literary Analysis Essay [100 points]

## INTRODUCTION

points: 20/\_\_\_\_\_

- Background information sets stage
- Connecting sentences evident
- Clearly and concisely states the paper's purpose and previews the structure of the paper.

## CONTENT

points: 25/\_\_\_\_\_

- Argumentative thesis is provocative; avoids statement of fact
- Topic development avoids summary and focuses on specific analysis
- Supporting textual evidence, including well-integrated and analyzed quotations  
(quoted passages should make up 15-25% of the essay)

## ORGANIZATION & COHERENCE

points: 20/\_\_\_\_\_

- Clear and effectively stated topic sentences
- Logical sequencing of points
- Clearly stated and developed connections (cxn) and transitions between argumentative points

## CONCLUSION

points: 10/\_\_\_\_\_

- Summarize the thesis point in one general statement.
- Refer back to your attention-getter in the background and connect the two.
- End with a catch ending or one-liner.

## SENTENCES, GRAMMAR, & TONE

points: 15/\_\_\_\_\_

- Effective phrasing and precise word choice
- Sentences are free of major errors
- Academic tone is balanced

## FORMAT, MECHANICS, MLA

points: 10/\_\_\_\_\_

- Correct MLA documentation format for quoting, parenthetical citations, Works Cited
- Spelling, mechanics, and punctuation

TOTAL: 100/ \_\_\_\_\_