

“The Pearl” Essay

You will write a well-constructed essay on the novel, “The Pearl.” Select one of the questions listed below to write your essay on. Do not forget to include quotes that will support your points in each paragraph of your essay.

Essay Topics:

- 1.) Describe Kino’s character (provide 3 character traits)
- 2.) Describe Juana’s character (provide 3 character traits)
- 3.) Describe the doctor’s character (provide 3 character traits)
- 4.) Determine whether Kino was a good father and husband or not.
- 5.) Describe the nature of Kino and Juana’s relationship
- 6.) There are numerous examples of irony used throughout the story. Describe how the element of irony plays a huge role in *The Pearl*.
- 7.) “We do know that we are cheated at birth to the overcharge on our coffins. But we survive. You have defied not the pearl buyers, but the whole structure, the whole way of life, and I am afraid for you.” Explain what Juan Thomas is talking about when he mentions “the whole structure” and why it is so important to the story.
- 8.) Your choice. Have Mr. Thies approve your thesis.

ESSAY OUTLINE

Paragraph 1

- some introductory sentences about the general topic, introducing both the novel and the idea you will be writing about
- Your thesis statement

GENERAL TOPIC (Topic sentence)

SENTENCE INTRODUCING THE NOVEL

SENTENCE INTRODUCING YOUR TOPIC (WHAT ARE YOU WRITING ON?)

THESIS STATEMENT (WHAT IS THE MAIN POINT YOUR WHOLE ESSAY WILL FOCUS ON?)

**Paragraph 2**

- a topic sentence, explaining one important argument
- examples
- explanations
- a concluding sentence

TOPIC SENTENCE (ONE MAIN POINT TO SUPPORT YOUR THESIS/MAIN POINT)

EXAMPLE

EXPLANATION FOR THE EXAMPLE

EXAMPLE

EXPLANATION FOR THE EXAMPLE

CONCLUDING SENTENCE FOR YOUR PARAGRAPH

**Paragraph 3**

- a topic sentence, explaining one important argument
- examples
- explanations
- a concluding sentence

TOPIC SENTENCE (ONE MAIN POINT TO SUPPORT YOUR THESIS/MAIN POINT)

EXAMPLE

EXPLANATION FOR THE EXAMPLE

EXAMPLE

EXPLANATION FOR THE EXAMPLE

CONCLUDING SENTENCE FOR YOUR PARAGRAPH

**Paragraph 4**

- a topic sentence, explaining one important argument
- examples
- explanations
- a concluding sentence

TOPIC SENTENCE (ONE MAIN POINT TO SUPPORT YOUR THESIS/MAIN POINT)

EXAMPLE

EXPLANATION FOR THE EXAMPLE

EXAMPLE

EXPLANATION FOR THE EXAMPLE

CONCLUDING SENTENCE FOR YOUR PARAGRAPH

**Paragraph 5**

- a restatement of your thesis
- some general thoughts following from this thesis statement

RESTATE YOUR THESIS (USE DIFFERENT WORDS)

GENERAL THOUGHTS ON YOUR THESIS (THREE SENTENCES)

CONCLUDING SENTENCE

***Example of how to collect Quotations***

Page #	Full quotation	Why you have included it – how it relates to the topic you are writing about in the essay.