

National 5 Essay Writing

What is the marker looking for?

- **Your answer should be relevant to the task-** all points, quotes and analysis should be an answer to the second part of the essay question.
- **Analysis of quotations and what it helps the reader/audience understand-** you must discuss techniques: word choice, character, setting, camera angle, costume etc.
- **A logical structure-** introduction, 4 or 5 PEER paragraphs, conclusion. You should write in chronological order of the text.

Introductions

- Say what the name of the story/film is and who wrote or directed it.
- Give a brief summary of what the story/film is about.
- Put in a link to the essay question you have chosen.

Helpful intro hints:

- * Never say "In this essay..."
- * Don't write everything that happens in your summary of the plot. If you can, when writing your summary, try to talk about the elements of the plot which are relevant to the question.
- * Remember to put " " around the title of the text.

Main Body (PEER paragraphs)

- **Point** - a sentence or two which answer the essay question in some way. This part will also explain what you are about to talk about in the paragraph.
- **Evidence** - an example of what you've talked about in the point. This could be a quote or reference to a particular aspect of the scene.
- **Explanation** - Mention which techniques have been used (characterisation, costume, lighting, camera shots/angles) and the effect they have on the audience.
- **Reference to question** - link your explanation back to what the essay question is asking.

Conclusion

- Re-state the title and writer/director of the story/film.
- Summarise the main points you have made about what the essay question asked.
- End the paragraph with one final sentence which refers to the essay question in some way and gives your opinion on the text.