**AP Lang: Time to dissect your Independent Reading Novel…**

1. Describe the biggest change or realization your central character (protagonist) has undergone. Or, if your protagonist is essentially the same as he/she was in the beginning, explain what *should* have caused change, and why you think your protagonist *didn’t* change, despite everything that’s happened. THINK: How does this change (or lack of change) relate to a bigger THEME of the book? What was the author’s PURPOSE in writing this story in the first place?
2. Select **ONE** rhetorical device from you’ve discovered in your reading and write a short analytical essay using two three supporting, illustrative examples. Follow this pattern:
3. Provide Context (author, title, main plot line, etc. The precis format, in other words)—use the parts of it that directly fit what you intend to prove.
4. Thesis **(topic+position+reasoning=effect)**

II. Write a topic sentence

A. Quote

B. Explanation

III. Write another topic sentence

A. Quote

B. Explanation

IV. Write still another topic sentence

A. Quote

B. Explanation

**You are advised to use the following format we used in discussing Ellison’s “Drunk of Legend” to take your analysis to a deeper level. Feel free to modify, but remember—the author’s effect on audience/transmission of theme and message is central to your argument.**

One technique that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ uses throughout the novel is\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

The author uses details like\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

to describe/develop \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_in order to reveal that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

These details are revelatory because \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

(It’s like an Advanced Placement Analytical Mad-Lib…)