**Literary Paragraphs and Essays**

**What is a literary paragraph or literary essay?**

A literary paragraph or a literary essay is a composition in which you are writing about literature.

**When writing literary paragraphs you need to remember:**

* **Topic Sentence:** 
  + The first sentence of the paragraph.
  + This sentence introduces the:
    - Topic
    - Title(s) of the literature you are writing about
    - Author(s) of the literature you are writing about
    - For example:
      * The central characters in Rulon Openshaw’s story “Action Hero” and in Ms. Mitschrich’s story “Bang!” both face fear and can be considered brave.
      * There are some similarities and differences between the story “Action Hero” by Rulon Openshaw and “Bang!” by Ms. Mitschrich.
* **Supporting sentences:**
  + All the sentences in the paragraph need to support the topic sentence.
  + All the sentences need to be ‘on topic’
  + Use transition words and sentences
* **Concluding Sentence:**
  + Write a sentence to summarize your paragraph.
  + This is a sentence similar to your topic sentence.
* **DO NOT** use the words, ***I, You,*** or ***We***

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