

## **THE BOOK THIEF ESSAY FORMAT**

**Prompt:** Discuss the end of *The Book Thief* using Liesel, Death and one other main character as your main supports.

**Details:** You will write in a minimum of a five or more paragraph essay and will discuss how Liesel, Death and one other character impact the themes, plot, and resolution of the end of the book.

You will use six or more direct quotes as evidence for your body paragraphs and to defend your thesis.

You will mainly be graded on organization and the use of citations. Organization would include an inviting introduction, a strong thesis, three or more body paragraphs, 6 or more internal citations, and a thoughtful conclusion.

**Paragraph One:** 5-7 sentences., 1-2 paragraphs

Introduce and establish context. 3-5 sentences. What are you writing about? Explain and define your subject and the situation that you are going to argue.

**Thesis Statement** 1-2 sentences. Restate the prompt within an arguable statement. Be clear and define any names and their character parts in the novel.

Transition with one sentence to the evidence and body.

**Essay Body** 3-6 paragraphs

Use your three characters to create the body of the essay.

One to two paragraphs should focus on each character.

Tie each of the characters to their impact on either the plot, themes or resolution of the book ( or all three!)

6 or more internal citations as evidential support "....." (pg.)

Use evidence from the novel to support your choices.

**Conclusion** 1-2 paragraphs

**Conclusion:** wrap up main points. Readdress the prompt.

How did you prove your three characters impacted the end of the book?

Make a final point. End with the addition of something new or thoughtful to think about.

**Essay points:** 60

**Organization:** Introduction, thesis

**Organization:** essay body

**Organization:** Conclusion

**Organization:** Use of internal citations

**Voice:** Authoritative, third person

**Word choice:** Best Vocabulary, no contractions, strong and specific verbs and adjectives