

**English 9 Honors
Course 1121
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"It is our choices, Harry, that show what we truly are."
- Albus Dumbledore

"Humans have a knack for choosing precisely the things that are worst for them."
- Albus Dumbledore

Consider the two quotations written above, which are taken from the *Harry Potter* series. Pick **one** and decide if you agree with it. Support your position by an analysis of **three characters** from the five major works (*The Odyssey*, *Antigone*, *Inherit the Wind*, *Romeo and Juliet*, and *Lord of the Flies*) that we have studied this year. After you have brainstormed and outlined your ideas, write a well-developed and well-edited essay that identifies and analyzes how each of those characters proves or disproves Albus's statement.

Your essay must

- ❑ Clearly identify your position and the three specific characters chosen.
- ❑ Include specific, illustrative text support (examples and quotes) and logical, detailed analysis to inform your audience about how each character advances your position in the essay.
- ❑ Present your ideas in a clear and logical order, including an introduction, body, and conclusion.
- ❑ Use a variety of words and well-constructed sentences.
- ❑ Use formal academic style.
- ❑ Correct any errors in grammar, spelling, punctuation, capitalization and usage.
- ❑ Be typed and follow MLA format.
- ❑ Be submitted in electronic form to turnitin.com.

This essay will be graded using the rubric on the reverse side. It is worth 60% of your final exam grade.