Essay Assignment (150 points)

Due: December 2-3

Directions: After a close reading of one of the novels, write an analytical essay in formal style (3rd person) on one of the following topics:

1. Foil characters—compare/contrast
2. Journey motif—rite of passage or loss of innocence the protagonist
3. How setting impacts the development of theme or characterization
4. Justice/injustice
5. The author’s critical commentary on some aspect of society
6. Man’s inhumanity to man
7. Narrative structure—point of view
8. Parent or authority figures versus children/subordinate conflicts
9. Trace and analyze a major symbol/motif in the work

**Requirements**: This assignment is due following the Thanksgiving holiday. **December 2-3.**

• 4-6 pages, typed in Times New Roman, 12 point, double spaced (MLA Format)

• Formal style, 3rd person point of view. (No “I,” “we,” “you” etc.)

• Text support with parenthetical in-text documentation--author and page number.

Example: (McCarthy 85).