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Theoretical Literary Criticism

Literary criticism means comparing, analyzing, interpreting, and/or evaluating literary works. A work of literary criticism puts your ideas together with both the work being considered, other people's ideas about the work, and/or research you have done relevant to the work. There are a number of established perspectives that literary criticism can take. The theoretical perspective considers a literary work in the context of some theory of literature or uses the text to support the development of a new literary theory.

DIRECTIONS: Prepare to write a short paper of literary criticism from the theoretical perspective. Answer the questions to organize your thoughts.

Name of Text: _____

Name of the Author: _____

What is the text about?

What is the literary theory you are using?

What is the relationship between this text and this literary theory?