

Pragmatic 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 pragmatic perspective considers fills in the gaps between the author and the reader with a greater understanding of the ideas in the work.

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

Name of Text: _____

Name of the Author: _____

What is the text about?

What other texts have you read that have given you a greater understanding of this text? What do you want your readers to know about this text?

