

# Essay 1 Review

# What the strongest papers did:

- Focus on a clear passage (what is a passage?)
- Use quotes from the story--not necessarily many, but well-chosen
- Explain the significance of the evidence; don't assume evidence speaks for itself
- Identify key words & explain their importance

# What the least effective papers did:

- Summarize, usually without quoting
- Try to account for the entire story rather than selecting a passage
- Focus on explaining what happened, not what it means