

POETRY

An easy way to excel at poetry is to know how to identify literary devices.

Watch these YouTube Videos for help on this. I will also look for websites that may help and I will post them here:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U_pxifB6Co

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=53l6QtWRF3U>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e0jepXp8qdc>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3fKCOb8qGQE>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qn4P3tvKNAg>

Please have a look at the two videos below. These offer guidance on essay writing.

How to write a good essay: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=liyFKUFCQno>

5 tips to improve your academic writing: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GgkRoYPLhts>

[Ted Talks on Becoming a Better Writer](#)

by [R BEHARI](#) - 23 Feb 2017 @ 19:28

<http://blog.ed.ted.com/2014/05/29/be-a-better-writer-in-15-minutes-4-ted-ed-lessons-on-grammar-and-word-choice/>

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[Re: Ted Talks on Becoming a Better Writer](#)

by [E TAGER](#) - 27 Feb 2017 @ 23:38

Cute and informative. Sometimes we need a little reminder of proper word and grammar usage and these videos prompt us in a fun way. Thank you for this post.

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All writing, no matter what form it takes, has a primary topic. In a well-developed academic essay, this primary topic is usually expressed in a thesis statement. Typically, the thesis statement is the last sentence in your introductory paragraph.

The thesis statement should dictate what you discuss in your essay. Here is a thesis statement on another controversial subject, the death penalty:

- I do believe abolishment of the death penalty is the morally correct path because many innocent people have been executed in the past, life without parole is a better alternative and capital punishment does not deter crime.

The statement tells the reader what issues will be discussed in the essay. For instance, the first body paragraph will deal with innocent people being executed, the second will deal with the better alternative and the final body paragraph will look at the lack of decrease in crime levels.

A good thesis statement creates a stronger essay. Here are some videos to watch which will expand on this:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wCzuAMVmIZ8>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4sx42_C10zw

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e-jHFyF1u_Y

Colonial and Postcolonial

by [R BEHARI](#) - 8 May 2017 @ 17:53

Here are definitions of these two crucial aspects of the course:

- **Colonialism:** this arises out of the settlement of any part of a country by people who originate from another country. The natives are subject to the control of the invading country. A colony is a settlement of a country. Most modern nations arose as a result of being colonised. Colonisation is the process of establishing and maintaining colonies and domination through political and military means.
- **Postcolonialism:** is the attempt to account for the different cultural, economic and political ramifications for countries that were colonised. Postcolonial writings deal with issues relating to evolving cultures.

How do these concepts relate to each of your prescribed texts?