**“A Doll’s House” Essay**

***Assignment****:* Ibsen published this play in the late 19th century, presenting his views and criticizing real life moral, social, and cultural expectations of middle class society. Write a 5-paragraph essay explaining Ibsen’s message on one of the following topics:

1. *Stereotypical roles of a male and female 2) Appearance versus Reality 3) Role of a mother 4) Identity crisis*

**Introduction (6-8 sentences)**

1. Begin with a Hook that broadly discuss the theme you are addressing in your paper (quote, thoughtful question, anecdote, etc.) DO NOT MENTION THE PLOT YET.

2. Give background information about your topic and the play. This is where you can *mention* the play and begin to connect your attention grabber to the thesis.

**3. Thesis – What is Ibsen’s message and give three reasons for your claim. Your thesis must use parallelism!!!**

**Sample thesis: In A Doll’s House, Henrik Ibsen’s presents his characters as wearing masks, concealing their true identities, using ideals adopted by a male-dominated society to govern the dynamics of their home.**

**Three Body Paragraphs (7-12 sentences)**

1. Topic sentence (tells what your paragraph will be about)

2. Supporting Detail from the text

3. Explain the supporting detail

4. Connect the Supporting detail to the thesis statement. How does it prove your thesis?

5. Supporting Detail from the text

6. Explain the Supporting Detail

7. Connect the Supporting detail to the thesis statement. How does it prove your thesis?

8. Acknowledge and refute the counterargument

9. Concluding Sentence (summarizes paragraph/restates topic sentence in different words)

**Conclusion (6-8 sentences)**

1. Restate Thesis in different words

2. Summarize the results you found. DO NOT ADD NEW INFORMATION!

3. Final thought- Leave the reader with a final thought about your topic.

**Must Haves in your essay**

1. \_\_\_\_***2-3 pages typed,*** Times New Roman, Double Spaced, 12 font, 1” margins
2. \_\_\_\_Heading includes: Your Name, Class Period, My Name, Date
3. \_\_\_\_Page number includes: your **LAST** name and the Page number
4. \_\_\_\_Paragraphs are indented, at least **7-12 sentences**
5. \_\_\_\_ Parallelism in your thesis statement
6. \_\_\_\_Logical Transitions both between and within the paragraphs. (Additionally, Next, Finally, Furthermore, As a result, In spite of, Similarly, Therefore, etc.)
7. \_\_\_\_Does not use you, I think, I believe, personally, in my opinion
8. \_\_\_\_Use at least 7 vocabulary words in your essay. These words must be highlighted or bold.
9. \_\_\_\_Vary your sentence structure by using at least 5 appositive phrases. Highlight or bold these phrases.
10. \_\_\_\_Let your VOICE shine through!