Select one of the essay topics below and write an essay on it:

1. “A Doll House” includes many symbols to help develop not only Nora’s character but also the play’s major themes. Examine the setting, props, script, and costumes in the play and write an essay examining several of the play’s major symbols.

2. We have learned that Henrik Ibsen was a pioneer of realistic theater. In an essay explain how realism differs from other previous genres of drama and examine realistic details in “A Doll House”.

3. Students reading “A Doll House” initially examine the conflict between Nora and Torvald. In this essay examine the minor characters of Krogstad, Dr. Rank, Mrs. Linde, and Anne-Marie. How do they help illustrate Nora’s character development?

As you work on this assignment, be sure that you are addressing one of the topics listed above. Your assignment is not simply to write an essay on “A Doll House.” In order to earn credit for this assignment, you must address the specific topics given to you.

Before you write your first draft, I recommend that you review my responses to your discussions of the play and review the screen cast videos about the play. At the same time, the intent of this assignment is not to see how well you can regurgitate what you learned from screen cast videos. Its intent is to not only evaluate your writing skills but also to see how well you can make your own claims about the play and support those claims with evidence from the play.

In addition to developing one of the three topics above, this essay should meet the criteria listed below:

- It should reflect your close reading and comprehension of the play.
- It should include a clear main idea that identifies the topic and makes a claim about that topic.
- It should lead with a captivating hook and flow smoothly to the clear main idea.
- It should include several body paragraphs that provide evidence to support the main idea. Evidence should come from a close reading of the poetry.
- Its paragraphs should be logically arranged, and the ideas within paragraphs should be coherent and avoid repetition of ideas.
- Its content should reveal accurate comprehension of the poems.
- It should show evidence of careful editing and knowledge of the rules of standard English. It should also demonstrate adherence to the current guidelines of MLA documentation style, both in text and on the works cited page.
- It should be typed on a word processor and saved in a format that I can open: Microsoft Word (.doc or .docx) or Rich Text Format (.rtf).

Type your essay all in one document. Do not create a separate document for your works cited page. When you save your document, name it according to the guidelines on the syllabus: last name, first initial, and assignment description. Here’s an example: remlernresearchdrama.

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