

## Sample Literary Analysis Essay Assignment for Choice Book

### LA 1

#### Final Essay

#### Independent Choice Book

#### 50 points

For your final literary essay, you may respond to one of the following prompts. Both explore themes that we have discussed at length in connection with *Great Expectations*. You will now apply these ideas to your choice book. Be sure to consider the Focus Correction Areas and to use your best reading and writing skills. Your essay will go through the writing process of drafting, revising, editing, and conferencing.

#### SCHEDULE

**Rough Draft:** Thursday, January 19 (bring colored pencils to class)

**Final Draft:** Monday, January 23

**Choice 1:** Analyze the role of social class in your novel. How are characters treated, and what sort of power do they hold because of wealth and class? Additionally, how are those of a lower socioeconomic class regarded, and what role does ambition and the desire for self-advancement play in the novel?

**Choice 2:** Analyze the treatment of children and its long-term effect on them as they reach adulthood. Were any of your characters victims of mistreatment and/or abuse, and how did this shape them later on in their lives? Were there expectations put in place for them, and how did this affect them as young adults?

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## FOCUS CORRECTION AREAS

### **Reading Comprehension and Analysis** /20

**Goal:** A well-developed analysis supported by effective text evidence

### **Structure and Organization** /20

**Goal:** A four- to five-paragraph essay that demonstrates coherence and unity

### **Writing Skills** /10

**Goal: To** utilize active- and present-tense verbs while avoiding fragments and run-ons