



The Age of Miracles

Thematic Analysis Essay -- Rubric

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			The introduction clearly and completely introduces the novel and the selected theme.				
			The thesis statement clearly answers the essential question: What elements of the plot support or demonstrate the theme of the novel?				
			The topic sentences of each body paragraph clearly introduce the specific part of the plot that demonstrates the theme.				
			Each body paragraph of the essay contains at least one quote that supports the analysis of the theme.				
			The quotes are introduced appropriately and integrated into a complete sentence.				
			Each quote is explained, not restated, and is used to logically support the thesis.				
			The paper includes appropriate transitions within paragraphs and from one paragraph to the next.				
			The conclusion restates (in a new way) the thesis and assertions and provides closure for the reader.				
			Quotes are cited with the author's last name and page number in parentheses after the quote.				
			The mechanics and punctuation of the paper in no way interfere with reader understanding.				

Total: **/100**