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## Literary Analysis Template: CHICAGO

### Introduction:

Thesis (states the purpose for the entire response/essay):

Your thesis must...

- ✓ answer the following question: Do the texts, "**Chicago**" by Carl Sandburg and **The Great Fire** by Jim Murphy have similarities and differences?
- ✓ contain proper punctuation - Capital & Period.
- ✓ include the title and author of both texts included & punctuated correctly.

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Overview of Essay:

In addition to your thesis, the introduction must state...

- ✓ the fact that both texts focus on an urban setting.
- ✓ the types (genres) of literature that you are comparing.
- ✓ That text structure impacts meaning
- ★ Don't be too specific, the introduction is simply a preview of what's to come in your essay / response.

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**Body:**

Discuss the way in which the urban setting is portrayed in each text:

- You must include:
- ✓ An example from **“Chicago”** that explains the way in which the urban setting is described (use either explicit or implicit evidence).
  - ✓ An example from **The Great Fire** that explains the way in which the urban setting is described (use either explicit or implicit evidence).
  - ✓ A sentence or two that ties these two examples together
    - ✓ Were the settings (time and place) similar? In what ways?
    - ✓ Were the settings (time and place) different? In what ways?

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**Types of Evidence**

**Explicit Evidence:** Direct quote from the text (must use quotation marks).

**Implicit Evidence:** Paraphrased explanation of what the text says.

**Challenge:**  
Use both types of evidence in your writing.



**Conclusion:**

Restated thesis (states the purpose for the entire response/essay):

Your restated thesis must...

- ✓ Begin with an appropriate transitional phrase (as you can see, in conclusion, based on the evidence it is clear that, etc.)
- ✓ answer the following question: Do the texts, "**Chicago**" by Carl Sandburg and **The Great Fire** by Jim Murphy have similarities and differences?
- ✓ contain proper punctuation - Capital & Period.
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Review of the Essay's Main Points:

In addition to your restated thesis, the conclusion should state...

- ✓ the fact that both texts focus on an urban setting.
- ✓ the types (genres) of literature that you are comparing.
- ✓ That text structure impacts meaning
- ★ Don't be too specific, you are simply reminding the audience what the general points of your essay / response were.

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