

Paper 2

The criterion-by-criterion approach

Exam questions	
Works studied	

Introduction	Introductory sentence that grabs your attention: a famous quote, a question, a bold statement, an anecdote or joke.	
	A sentence that connects to the 'attention grabber' and explains its relevance to the 2 (or 3) works that you have read. This sentence states the names of the works, years of publication and authors' names in passing.	
	The thesis statement, where you explain that the question can be answered by exploring each work, the context of each work and the language of each work.	
Body paragraph 1	Topic sentence 1: Explain how both texts can be used to answer the question. Focus on the texts only.	
	Illustrations from both works. Where, in the plot of each work, do we see the authors commenting on the thesis / guiding question?	
	Explanation: how do these examples illustrate the authors' message?	
Body paragraph 2	Topic sentence 2: How has contextual knowledge influenced your interpretation of the works? How did it shape the authors' intentions?	
	Give examples of how the context of the author can be seen in the work?	
	Explanation: how do these examples illustrate the author's message?	
Body paragraph 3	Topic sentence 3: Elaborate on the nature of each author's style. How has context influenced the author's style?	
	Examples of use of language and its effect on its audiences.	
	Explanation: how do these examples illustrate the authors' message?	
Conclusion	Answer the question again. State the thesis in other words.	
	Retell how authors convey their message through language and structure.	
	A very wise thought.	