

Southern New Hampshire University  
LIT 200 Final Project Example

**Student Name**

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**Course Number**

**Date**

**Title**

**Title of chosen passage:**

**Interpreting Literature**

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**Close Reading**

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## Making Connections

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- **Note:** You will respond to the critical element in which you describe how literary theory contributes to the interpretation of literary texts at the end of the next section.

**Title of second chosen passage:**

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### Why Theory Matters

Describe how literary theory **contributes to the interpretation** of literary texts. How does literary theory change, impact, or influence your understanding of literature? Why is it worth our time and effort to use theory to understand and interpret literature?