**TIPS FOR WRITING ABOUT LITERATURE:**

* TAG in your intro (title, author, genre) to introduce text(s) you’ll be writing about
* Everything in present tense
* Use more commentary than summary
* Paraphrase quotes when you can, direct quote when you must
* PROVE WITH TEXT

**FOR ALL ACADEMIC WRITING. . .**

* Intro has lead, thesis statement (claim that you’ll be proving your paper), and a preview of main points
* Conclusion: restates main ideas and offers final statement about the topic
* Follow word choice guidelines