

T100 Special Project – Analysis of Play Structure

Writing Prompt

This paper will focus on traditional play structure. After reading *Father Returns*, you will assess its adherence to traditional play structure as presented in the class lecture. Your paper should address **all** of the following points:

1. Is the play **linear** and **causal**?
2. Using Freytag's Pyramid, **identify** and **describe** the structural components of *Father Returns*: exposition, inciting incident, rising action, climax, and falling action. Note if any major components are utilized in an unexpected manner.
3. Be specific by using examples from the text to support your point of view.

Your paper should have a clear focus/thesis. Your analysis should then be tied to that focus.

Mechanics

Papers should be 400-600 words, typed, double-spaced. They should be in paragraph form and should utilize standard English grammar and punctuation. **Please provide a word count at the bottom of your paper** (3 points will be deducted if you do not). PROOFREAD

Some Suggestions:

Avoid Plot Summary – there is no need to recount all of the events of the plot. Instead, note only the events that support your assessment of the play's structure.

Use the Tools You are Given in Class – while we certainly do not intend to limit your critiques to the terms we cover in class, if you feel stuck while trying to get started, remember that we make an effort to provide you with a vocabulary to discuss the varied elements of a dramatic text.

Be Specific – the most common problem with analytical papers is a failure to provide specific, concrete examples.

Proofread, Proofread, Proofread!