

One Pager Rubric (English I)

	Content	Length	Conventions
A	Answers the question fully and shows thoughtful reflection.	At least 300 words.	No serious grammatical errors.
C	Answers the question at a minimal level and shows basic reflection.	200-300 words.	A few grammatical errors but nothing that hinders reading or comprehension.
F	Does not directly answer the question and shows no real reflection at all	Fewer than 200 words.	Several grammatical errors with some that makes reading difficult.

Example: Alice as a Minor Character in *Nightjohn*

Alice is a minor character in *Nightjohn* who, like Sarney, is a slave on Waller's plantation. She is mentioned throughout the novel *Nightjohn*, but we never hear her speak. This is in part because she is mentally challenged (“addled in the ehad” is the term I believe they use in the novel), but it's also because of the nature of her character. Because she never speaks, she stands as a silent example of what happens when a slave does not “play by the rules.” She's beaten once because she wandered into the big house. She's virtually killed when she tries to run away and hides in a thicket. In both cases, she survives much to the amazement of all the other slaves. This serves to show the readers what happens to slaves who resist.

Alice also serves as a foil (a character who represents opposite characteristics) to Sarney. Because she is mentally handicapped, she will likely never be able to learn to read. Sarney, on the other hand, is bright and learns to read relatively quickly. Additionally, Alice goes against the system in a sort of blind way, without much thought. She just runs. Sarney, on the other hand, defies the system in a much more subtle and stealthy way: she learns to read and teaches others to read. Her defiance isn't immediately visible, but in some ways it's just as powerful.

(The above example is 232 words.)