English II

*Jane Eyre* Short Essay

So far in our study of this novel, we have seen Jane experience entrapment, transition, stasis, a desire for liberty, and more! In our close reading of specific passages, we have seen how Bronte uses even small bits of text to convey big ideas. As a result, small locations and items can have great meaning.

For this essay, you will choose one passage that features either a door, window, gate, staircase, or a road, and closely read that passage, thinking specifically about the significance of that item. You will choose a second passage from elsewhere in the novel that offers evidence of the development of one of the ideas you have noticed in the first passage. You will then make an argument about **how the door/window/gate, etc. from passage #1 helps, in conjunction with passage #2, to illuminate a character or theme in the novel**. Passage #2 does not need to be either a door, window, gate, etc.

Your final essay must include:

* An introduction with
  + A hook
  + An argumentative, analytical thesis
* 2-3 body paragraphs with
  + Argumentative, analytical top sentences
  + 2-3 direct quotations
  + Analysis of said quotations
* A conclusion with
  + A *brief* restatement of your thesis
  + A “so what?” that shows the larger significance of your essay