Literary Analysis of a Play Tips for Success

* Focus on a motif or theme rather than on the play as a whole
* Select a single character to analyze
* Begin with a thesis statement: What do you intend to prove?
* Remember that you are not summarizing; however, your first paragraph should indicate the title, date of publication, and playwright as well as an overview of the play (not a summary)
* Each paragraph should have a topic sentence that directly supports your thesis
* Your conclusion should show that the body of your paper supported tour conclusion