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The first article I decided to read was “How To Write A Literary Analysis Essay”. A literary analysis is when you do a careful analysis of someone else pieces of work. First, the articles give us the elements of a solid essay. The elements are basic information such as having a thesis statement in the introduction. Here is where you would need to try to capture the readers’ attention by bringing explain you purpose of the essay. Then you will need your body paragraphs which are about 3 paragraphs and where you support your thesis statement. Finally comes the conclusion of the essay where you will need to restate the thesis and summarize all of the main points in the body paragraphs. Also has other tips for using textual evidence in your essay where you would just paraphrase or summarize what you read or use direct quotations.

For the next article, I read the “Introduction to Huckleberry Finn” by Toni Morrison. For this article, we see the thoughts of Toni Morrison and how she believes that the book should be taught in schools. Unlike many others that believe that the book is too problematic and shouldn’t be in schools. She believes that it is almost an important book to talk about because of how against slavery it was. Especially for its time, a book like this was very rare to find or hard to talk about. We see this with Huck a young white boy and Jim young black boy who is a slave in the book relationship. Huck was grown into the idea of slavery being a positive thing and how slavery is important. However, when he meets Jim he instantly feels the opposite way of those ideas.

Overall both of the articles were informative and interesting to read. The first one really helped me understand how to write a proper literary analysis. Also with what to look for while I'm reading and how to add that to my essay. The Introduction to Huckleberry Finn was personally the most interesting to me. The reason why is because I understand what she is trying to say and also agree with the points that she is trying to show about the book. The story shows younger kids in these schools how wrong slavery was back then. However, something that most people disagree with teaching this book is the use of the n-word. I would personally have white teachers or students not saying this word for that's just one of the lasting effects that came from slavery.