**Literary Letter Pre AP**

Your letter should include a greeting, closing, and signature.  The body of your letter should be **three paragraphs, typed, and double spaced. Use the mentor texts for examples.**

Dec. 18, 2017

Dear Ms. Cunningham,

**Paragraph 1 (Summary):**

* Name the **title**, **author**, and **genre** of your book.  Capitalize and underline the title.
* Give a brief **summary** of the book.
  + Remember: a summary is a **short description** that includes the **main events** of the book, **characters** involved, and **few** specific examples.  It is not a retelling of every details in the chapter. Summarize the entire story – ending included.
* This paragraph should be at least **5 sentences.**

**Paragraph 2 (Character analysis):**

* Describe a major character using direct and/or indirect characterization.  (Ally, Shay, Travis, Albert, Jessica, or Mr. Daniels)
  + What kind of person is he/she?  Describe him/her using specific examples from the book.
  + How was the character important in the book?
* Respond to **two** of the questions below **using text evidence.**
  + What made the character act the way he/she did?
  + How did the character change throughout the book?
  + How does the main character compare to others in the book?
  + What do you wish the character would have done differently?
* This paragraph should be at least **8 sentences**.

**Paragraph 3 (Analysis):**

* Choose **one** of the following questions to use.  Be sure to **restate the question** in your answer.  **Cite text evidence** from the book to support your answer.
  + What is one **theme** the author conveys in the story?  Explain its significance and support it with text evidence.
  + How does the author use **figurative language** to help the reader understand the story?  Provide evidence from the text.
  + What **connections** did you have while reading?  Explain a deep connection using text evidence.
  + Explain the **symbolism** in the novel. Choose one example (coins, butterfly, neon sign), explain the what it means, and how it is important to the story.
  + Are **words powerful**?  Choose an example from the story to support your answer.
  + Is Ally a **reliable narrator**?  Explain why or why not using text evidence.
* This paragraph should be at least **5 sentences.**

Closing (Sincerely, Your student, etc.)

Your Signature