***The Chrysalids* Essay Assignment**

**Assignment:** Write a 5 paragraph essay on **ONE** of the following topics/suggestions about *The Chrysalids*. You will need to develop a thoughtful thesis.

1. Many of the critical ideas in *The Chrysalids* are pointed directly at the shortcomings of David’s society and, indirectly, at our society.

2. Discuss the significance of the title *The Chrysalids*.

3. Religion is an important part of the lives of the people of Waknuk, but it is abused and

manipulated in very unreligious ways.

4. Women are important to David Storm. Discuss the effects of three women on his life. What does each woman do for David?

5. John Wyndham shows the reader three civilizations – those of the Old People, of present-day Waknuk, and of Sealand. Explain the flaws of each. What is he trying to show us?

6. Fear is one of the dominant themes of *The Chrysalids*, discuss.

7. Men are important to the development of David’s character. Discuss the effects of men on his life. What do the men do for David?

8. Discuss the idea of “deviations”. What purpose does it serve in the novel?

9. Can the people of Waknuk be forgiven for their horrible behaviour? Defend or prosecute them

**Process:**

* Choose a topic.
* By reviewing the novel and/or your notes, find several incidents or examples that support your topic.
* Write these examples on your brainstorming page.
* Your examples can be direct or indirect quotations and must be accompanied by a page number.
* Pick the **three** examples that you can best write about. Each example will form a separate paragraph in your essay.
* Decide the order of your paragraphs following the 2, 3, 1 model.
* Complete the essay outline provided for you. This must be handed in to me and evaluated before you start writing your rough draft.
* Write your rough draft. This must not be word-processed. Your good copy will not be evaluated unless you hand in a written rough copy.
* Peer Editing.
* Write your good copy according to MLA format and guidelines. YOU WILL LOSE 2 MARKS IF YOUR ESSAY IS NOT MLA FORMATTED!!

**Evaluation:**

See rubric; available online in your *Chrysalids* folder