1. **Perfect your thesis statement**. It cannot be too broad or too specific.
2. Consider both sections of the essay separately. There is literary analysis and historical research. *Two possible approaches available.*

PART ONE

Consider the concept of greed/desire as it relates to this character. What is the main character’s primary goal? What type of greed/desire is represented by this goal (Greed for money, love, acceptance, power, riches, equality, justice, etc.)?

PART TWO

Considering the character’s desires, research and analyze the events that were occurring in the world when the piece was written. How did these events affect the author/work?

1. Give the most effort to your Introduction and conclusion. Both should be general and not contain information reserved for the body.
2. Start with basic concepts concerning greed. Connect them to character and history. (From broad to specific)
3. Mentally break down the main ideas you want to cover in literary analysis.
4. Mentally break down the main ideas you want to cover in historical research.
5. Outline main ideas, sub points, and supporting facts/ideas.
6. For citations, look for facts, ideas, concepts you can easily talk about/analyze. Do not include citations unless you can immediately demonstrate their relevance to the topic and your point.
7. Look for direct quotes from your work that you can connect to your ideas.
8. Use historical aspect of paper as glue to hold everything together. GREED > CHARACTER > HISTORICAL