1. Plan and outline your arguments/evidence.

*Consider what your thesis is—what do you believe the author is arguing…*

*Why? (their message for the real world, beyond the pages of the story…)*

*How? (what evidence or writing/plot points does the writer use?)*

* Brainstorm below….

1. Focus on the digital essay first, then the wiki.

*It might be easier to start typing your essay in a word document first. Make sure your ideas and evidence are the focal point of the essay, then start shifting to the wiki by adding links and pictures. It will be easier to copy-paste the essay later on and the most important component of the essay is the arguments you make, not necessarily the technology you add.*

1. Remember the components of a good essay.

*This includes an introduction, a body, and a conclusion. Also consider a theme or motif that you can use throughout the essay to keep it unified.*

1. Review your rubric and teacher sample.

*Always check through the rubric for what is going to be valued the most and how you want to be scored. Also, my sample paper is a great place to look for ideas and inspiration.*

* What the rubric and sample inspire me to do…