# The Pearl: Analytical Essay Assignment

Due Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

* Speaker: You, the student.
* Occasion: Completing *The Pearl*
* Audience: Mr. Klooster, your peers, and possibly your parents
* Purpose: To persuade
* Subject: Considering all the events that occur in, *The* Pearl, does the pearl symbolize something positive (e.g. opportunity) or something negative (e.g. corruption)?
* Tone – Professional and academic

Consider the symbol of the pearl. How is it described? What does it represent to Kino and his family? How does it change him and his community? Finally consider the consequences it brings with it. Write an essay following the format and conventions of a five-paragraph MLA analytical essay. This means you will need a gripping opening line, a clear thesis, solid topic sentences, examples that support your clearly worded claims (with explanation), and demonstrates deep thought.

**The paper must be at least two pages and double-spaced**.

Format:

1. Introduction and thesis
2. 1st Body Paragraph: Analyze the pearl’s description at the beginning of the story and at the end of the story. Do our perceptions from the events affect the description of the pearl, or does the pearl corruptive power not allow us to see it for what it really is until it’s too late?
3. 2nd Body Paragraph: Explain how the pearl changes the community, Kino, and his family. Do you think the community saw the pearl as a symbol of opportunity or Kino as a poor naïve man to be exploited? Or maybe both?
4. 3rd Body Paragraph – Kino loses everything in this story – his child and his potential wealth. Consider if these consequences brought upon him by the pearl and his possession of it, or are they caused by outside forces. State your opinion and defend it.
5. Conclusion