**‘Lamb to the Slaughter’ Critical Essay**

**Question: How does the character of Mary Maloney change during the story ‘Lamb to the Slaughter’?**

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| **Introduction**  **Look at the PowerPoint for good and bad examples**   * Title * Author * Genre * Brief Summary * Wording of the task   Do not use ‘I’ or refer to the essay |

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| **Paragraph One**  **Suggested Point/Topic sentence**  At the beginning of the novel Mary is portrayed as a typical fifties housewife, who is devoted to her husband.  **Evidence** (Choose a quote from the Mary at the beginning section of your analysis grid. Remember to introduce your quote. Do not just write it down. )  **Explanation** (Explain how the quote you have chosen describes Mary’s character at the beginning of the story. Add to the explanation you have written in your grid. ) |
| ***Paragraph Two***  ***Suggested Point/Topic sentence***  After Mary’s husband tells her the bad news, her behaviour changes from the Mary described at the beginning of the story.  **Evidence** (Choose a quote from the Mary after the death section of your analysis grid. Remember to introduce it.)  **Explanation** (Explain how the quote you have chosen describes Mary’s character at this point of the story **AND** how it is different from before. Add to the explanation you have written in your grid) |

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| ***Paragraph Three – choose villain or victim not both!***  ***Suggested Point/Topic sentence for villain***  The way in which Mary disguises the crime she has committed suggests that she is a cold-blooded murderer.  ***Suggested Point/Topic sentence for victim***  Mary is clearly an innocent victim in this story. Her husband has ruined her life and she is helpless and at no fault.  **Evidence** (Choose a quote from the Mary Maloney victim or villain section of your analysis sheet. Remember to introduce it.)  **Explanation** (Explain how the quote you have chosen shows clearly that Mary is a victim or a villain. Add to the explanation in your grid.)  ***Paragraph four***  ***Write a second paragraph using your victim/villain quotes***  ***You must write your own Point and follow the same structure with your evidence and your explanation.***  ***You can definitely do this. Try your best*** |

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| ***Conclusion***  ***Look at the PowerPoint slides for good and bad examples***   * ***Again mention the name of the author and the title of the story.*** * ***Summarise the main points that you have covered*** * ***Provide your opinion on the story and how you felt about it. (Do not use I or refer to the essay)*** * ***Link to the question (mention that Mary’s character changes) and ensure that you have answered the question.*** |