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The hardest part on writing this essay is thinking of a book that I have read and knew a lot about. Cannot decide between *The Yellow Wallpaper* and *The Black Cat*. Later on I decided to use *The Black Cat* since the reading wasn't as difficult. Connecting the novel to "Madness and Masquerade" wasn't that challenging either. In "Madness and Masquerade" there were so many examples of characters with mental disorders that I can almost make a connection between the character from *The Black Cat* and the character from "Madness and Masquerade" and simply flow along with it. I enjoyed writing this essay more than the literacy narrative because I have a more secure standing ground in this essay. In the previous essay, we had to write a literacy essay from a free write which I was off topic from the start. This essay didn't exactly come from a free write and gave two novels and compare and contrasted them. Also in "Madness and Masquerade" it was difficult for me to stay focused on the article at first. So I had to read one paragraph then write a sentence or two about what the main idea of the paragraph was. I continued doing this until the end of the article. Once I finished i basically have forgotten everything I read in the beginning of the article. When looking for quotes it would've been really difficult to look for in such a long article too. However the note taking of each paragraph really helped and made it easier for me to find quotes. Instead of reading the whole article again, I just needed to read the notes I took and find which paragraph it was at to get a quote. I have

attempted to go to the writing center however because it was the last week before the essay was due, there were no available appointments that could have been made until after the paper was due. My procrastination was at fault here. Should've went to the writing center earlier to revise and edit my essay then continue working on it a bit earlier before the due date.