# Lesson Notes

## Write an Analysis

### Characteristics of a Literary Analysis

Describe the characteristics of an effective literary analysis.

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### Read and Respond

Joan Didion’s 1967 essay, “Goodbye to All That,” recounts the author’s experiences as a young woman living in New York City. Didion describes how she loved New York at first, feeling it to be a place of such great possibility and wonder that it scarcely felt real to her. Later, however, Didion begins to feel unsettled and depressed in New York. She comes to believe that she can no longer manage the small tasks of everyday life.

Read the final section of “Goodbye to All That,” beginning with the sentence, “I could not tell you when I began to understand that.” Then, answer the question.

1. In “Goodbye to All That,” Joan Didion writes that the “lesson” of her story is that “it is distinctly possible to remain too long at the Fair.” What does she mean? How does the final section of the essay portray how she came to this understanding, her feelings about it, and the consequences of it?

### Assignment

Write an analysis based on your close reading of the final section. In your analysis, be sure to include an analysis of the life choices Didion makes and the literary devices she uses to relate her experiences.

### Submit Your Assignment

Follow the instructions in the Graded Assignment to complete your analysis and submit it to your teacher for grading.