

1. Intro
  - a. Theme
    - i. Various experiences that shape an authors life
    - ii. How it has affected and improved their writing
  - b. Enumeration
    - i. From birth, destined for a career in science fiction writing
    - ii. Full name Frank Patrick Herbert
  - c. Thesis
    - i. In depth study of ecology
    - ii. Various jobs; serving in the Navy, taught jungle survival courses
2. Biographical/Historical
  - a. Like his characters: life was a survival story
    - i. E1
      1. from his birth his writing reflected his life
      2. heavily influenced by time period in which he wrote
    - ii. E3
      1. service in navy allowed to describe emotions of battle
      2. survival instructor, gave knowledge to write survival aspects of novels
  - b. his life including the jobs he worked helped to shape his life and his writing style.
3. Biographical/Historical
  - a. Herbert wrote during the 1960's, an era of controversy and scientific advancement
    - i. H3
      1. This was the spark that got Herbert interested in space
      2. The concept of occupying another world greatly inspired him to write the novel Dune
    - ii. H4
      1. this helped further his interest in space therefore affecting his writing
      2. this interest in space travel compelled Herbert to research the subject, allowing for seemingly true depictions of space travel.
  - b. Herbert's interest in space travel contributed to how he wrote
4. Literary Analysis
  - a. Frank Herbert was a pioneer of Science Fiction. He set a high standard for the level at which this genre should be written.
    - i. I1,I2
      1. Because Herbert went above and beyond this convention he is now recognized as an excellent writer.
      2. Herbert not only wrote to convey a theme but also to entertain an audience

ii. I3

1. This is a trademark of Herbert's style
2. by doing this he opened a door into an entirely new level of the science fiction genre

b. Because Herbert wrote not only to express views of society but also to tell an entertaining story he was highly respected.

5. Literary Analysis

a. It always seems as if science fiction is ahead of the game in regards to revolutionary ideas.

i. I5

1. It's this revolutionary train of thought that made Herbert's writing popular.
2. He pushed the limits of science fiction

ii. I4

1. society's form of catching up to science fiction is through concern with the future well being of the planet.
2. Science Fiction is never credited with these ideas

b. Behind the scenes of thought provoking ideas there can often be found a science fiction author.

6. Literary Analysis

a. As in most science fiction novels Dune is packed full of far-reaching concepts that bring the reader into the story

i. I6

1. these aspects act to bring out or intensify certain themes
2. they all for the most part contain some form of symbolism

ii. I7

1. this is an excellent example of how these aspects play into novels such as Dune and Dune Messiah
2. Paul's special abilities help to emphasize his role in society

b. due to the concepts of mysticism found in this novel, readers initially become attracted to the book, and ultimately are impacted by the themes hidden within the text

7. Literary Analysis

a. The next novel in what can be considered the Dune series is called Dune Messiah. It is often criticized as being a repeat of Dune

i. I10

1. this perspective allows the novel to be viewed on the same field as its predecessor Dune
2. Even though it is similar, it is not a sequel but a continuation of themes looked at from a different point of view

ii. I11

1. Many critics view Dune Messiah as the next installment in the Dune series
  2. although the characters are the same the views of them are nearly reversed
  - b. Because many critics did not give Dune Messiah a chance it was never truly appreciated as was
8. Literary Analysis
- a. Again, this idea of viewing Dune Messiah not as a sequel but as a continuation of ideas is very important
    - i. I12
      1. the true intention of Herbert when writing these novels was to convey common themes and in order to do that he felt that he must approach the writing of Dune Messiah in the same way he did Dune
    - ii. I13
      1. Herbert's unique construction of this so called series can be seen as another example of his genius as a science fiction novelist
      2. therefore there is possibly a deeper meaning to this arrangement that is yet to be discovered
  - b. as discussed earlier, Frank Herbert is a literary genius, whose every decision in writing has profound meaning
9. Conclusion
- a. Re-stated thesis
    - i. The unique aspects of Frank Herbert's life such as teaching survival courses and serving in the navy along with studying ecology provided him with ample experiences to be able to successfully compos several science fiction master pieces
  - b. Re-stated Enumeration
    - i. Herbert lived an adventure-filled life from the moment of his birth in Tacoma, Washington during the 1920's
  - c. Conclusion Statement
    - i. The success of Herbert's novels provide sufficient evidence to help further the claim that he is one of the most talented science fiction writers to be published.