A Quick Reference Guide from Writing Support Services

Here are a few quick tips for a successful rough draft

1. Make sure each body paragraph has at least one reference from an outside source and the novel or play.
2. Introduce all of your quotes.
3. Include examples from the novel and your outside sources that back up your thesis (rather than restating the plot).
4. Do not use you, I, or me.
5. Use present tense.
6. Check format for internal documentation, margins, and heading.
7. Make sure each paragraph relates to the thesis in some way.
9. Make sure that your conclusion restates the thesis.
10. Leave plenty of time for proofreading.

These are just a few tips to a successful rough draft. For additional suggestions visit Writing Support Services in A-248, call 318-678-6491 to make an appointment or submit your draft online at www.bpcc.edu/writingsupportservices.