*ASSIGNMENT: Machinal is a play inspired by the true story of Ruth Snyder and tells the story,  
through the Expressionist method and form, of a Young Woman who goes to extreme measures  
in order to be free from her marriage. How does Machinal get its themes of societal sexism,  
expectations, and heteronormativity across in a play? Could this work in any other medium, such?  
as a graphic novel or book? Why does it have to (or not have to) be a play? Think of the  
advantages and disadvantages of seeing the story live on a stage.  
THE ESSAY SHOULD INCLUDE:  
● An argument that can be discussed and analyzed in a thoughtful manner and leaves room  
for your own interpretation and analysis;  
● A thesis statement that captures your main argument and analysis of your literary  
element(s);  
● An introductory paragraph, complex and well-structured body paragraphs, and a  
conclusion to tie everything together;  
● Textual evidence and quotes*

*REQUIREMENTS: Your essay should be approximately 750 words in length, double spaced, 12  
point font in either Times New Roman or EB Garamond, and 1-inch margins. It should also be  
uploaded as either doc, Docx, or pdf. You will only need your copy of Machinal for textual  
evidence and cite using MLA.*