*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.*