Literary Analysis Examples:
Prompt: Evaluate how Jem and Scout feel toward Boo in the beginning of the novel.

Below Basic (Does not meet standards)

Answer:
They are scared of Boo. For example, "he'll kill us...don't blame me." They are very scared.

Below Basic Answer Explanation:
The below basic thesis does not properly rephrase the question into a clear argument, nor does it include the title or author of the novel. Most specifically, it uses pronouns instead of names. The quote is not properly embedded; there is no context, no speaker, the quote is incomplete and there is no location given. Finally, the commentary only repeats the thesis.

Basic (Does not meet standards)

Answer:
Jem and Scout are scared of Boo Radley. For example, after Dill asks him about Boo, Jem says, "he'll kill us...don't blame me when he gouges your eyes out"(15). Jem's reply shows his fear because he thinks that Boo is really bad and scary.

Basic Answer Explanation:
The basic answer has a simple thesis that answers the question, but does not mention the title or the author of the novel. The quote is also properly embedded and includes context, and a speaker as well as a page number marking the location. The speaker's words are introduced through the word "says" which is a simpler way to embed. The commentary is very basic and does not provide any insight into why he is scared.

Proficient (meets the standards)

Answer:
In the first Chapter of *To Kill A Mockingbird*, Jem and Scout are scared of Boo Radley. For example, after Dill asks him about Boo, Jem says, "he'll kill us...don't blame me when he gouges your eyes out"(15). Jem's reply shows his fear since he thinks a meeting with Boo leads to death. The children are so scared that the only action they take is touching the side of the Radley house.

Proficient Answer Explanation:
The proficient answer has a thesis that includes title of novel as well as the specific chapter referred to in the question, although the author's name is missing. The thesis argument itself remains relatively simple. The quote is properly embedded, but in a simplistic manner. The