



Identifying Claims and Evidence

Read the claim, reason, and evidence below. Answer the questions.

Claim: *To Kill a Mockingbird*, by Harper Lee, is a Great American Novel.

Reason: *To Kill a Mockingbird*, a coming of age story which explores themes of racial prejudice and injustice, is ubiquitous, notable, and addresses a unique aspect of the American experience.

Evidence: The novel won a Pulitzer Prize (1961), has sold more than 40 million copies worldwide, has been translated into 40 languages, and has been adapted into a film.

Which statement below offers the best analysis of the evidence? _____

- A. Everyone has heard of this story, which proves it is great.
- B. This evidence proves Harper Lee is a great writer.
- C. This evidence proves that the novel is ubiquitous, notable, and addresses a unique aspect of the American experience.
- D. Only great stories are adapted into films.

Why did you choose this as the best analysis?

What was the worst analysis? Why?

