

Literary Analysis Essay Outline

- I. Catchy Title
- II. Paragraph 1: Introduction (Use HATMAT)
 - A. **H**ook
 - B. **A**uthor
 - C. **T**itle
 - D. **M**ain characters
 - E. **A** short summary
 - F. **T**hesis
- III. Paragraph 2: First Body Paragraph
 - A. Topic sentence (what this paragraph will discuss, how it will prove your thesis)
 - B. Context for the quote
 1. Who says it?
 2. What's happening in the text when they say it?
 - C. Quote from the text (cited appropriately)
 - D. Analysis of the quote: How does it prove your thesis?
 - E. Closing sentence (wrap up the paragraph to effectively transition to the next paragraph)
- IV. Paragraph 3: Second Body Paragraph
 - A. Topic sentence (what this paragraph will discuss, how it will prove your thesis)
 - B. Context for the quote
 1. Who says it?
 2. What's happening in the text when they say it?
 - C. Quote from the text (cited appropriately)
 - D. Analysis of the quote: How does it prove your thesis?
 - E. Closing sentence (wrap up the paragraph to effectively transition to the next paragraph)
- V. Paragraph 4: Third Body Paragraph
 - A. Topic sentence (what this paragraph will discuss, how it will prove your thesis)
 - B. Context for the quote
 1. Who says it?
 2. What's happening in the text when they say it?
 - C. Quote from the text (cited appropriately)
 - D. Analysis of the quote: How does it prove your thesis?
 - E. Closing sentence (wrap up the paragraph to effectively transition to the next paragraph)
- VI. Conclusion (You do not necessarily have to follow this order, but include the following):
 - A. Summarize your argument.
 - B. Extend the argument.
 - C. Show why the text is important.