

Composition subject: _____

Introduction Paragraph

SENTENCE 1: HOOK (catch your reader's attention with some clever angle or insight on your book...make it intelligent but flashy and interesting)

SENTENCE 2: BACKGROUND INFO (include title and author of the book and some general context the reader will need to understand the topic)

SENTENCE 3: MORE SPECIFIC (move from the general info to the more specific target of your essay...you might want to include some fact or statistic or nugget of wisdom about the story here)

SENTENCE 4: MORE SPECIFIC (even more specifically now, tee up your next sentence (the thesis))

SENTENCE 5!!! THESIS (your main, one-sentence argument that answers the topic and also gives quick indications about what the main ideas will be for each body paragraph below)

Body Paragraph 1

SENTENCE 1: TOPIC SENTENCE (introduces main idea for this paragraph only and also ties back to enhance the thesis):

SENTENCE 2: CONCRETE DETAIL 1 (piece of support, proof, evidence, quote directly from the text...don't forget to cite the page):

SENTENCE 3: COMMENTARY (now analyze or explain why the CD above is important, what it means, how it explains and proves your thesis...avoid summarizing the plot here):

SENTENCE 4: COMMENTARY (now analyze or explain why the CD above is important, what it means, how it explains and proves your thesis...avoid summarizing the plot here):

SENTENCE 4A: OPTIONAL (more commentary if necessary)

SENTENCE 5: CONCRETE DETAIL 2 (piece of support, proof, evidence, quote directly from the text...don't forget to cite the page):

SENTENCE 6: COMMENTARY (now analyze or explain why the CD above is important, what it means, how it explains and proves your thesis...avoid summarizing the plot here):

SENTENCE 7: COMMENTARY (now analyze or explain why the CD above is important, what it means, how it explains and proves your thesis...avoid summarizing the plot here):

SENTENCE 7A: *OPTIONAL* (more commentary if necessary)

SENTENCE 8: *TRANSITION* (smoothly wrap up this paragraph and blend into the next idea...hint at what's coming in next paragraph):

Body Paragraph 2

SENTENCE 1: *TOPIC SENTENCE* (introduces main idea for this paragraph only and also ties back to enhance the thesis):

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Body Paragraph 3

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Conclusion Paragraph

SENTENCE 1: REPHRASE THESIS (using different words, capture the main idea of your essay...allow your individual style to dictate the new word choice!)

SENTENCE 2: SUMMARY 1 (restate the "big picture" of body paragraph 1)

SENTENCE 3: SUMMARY 2 (restate the "big picture" of body paragraph 2)

SENTENCE 4: SUMMARY 3 (restate the "big picture" of body paragraph 3)

SENTENCE 5: CLINCHER (leaves reader with some final thought that answers the question "so what?"..."so why did I read this essay?"...try an interesting new quote...or maybe you want to leave the reader with some question to ponder ...try connecting the essay topic to real life, etc...be creative!)

TOTAL = 34 – 40 sentences
ESTIMATED TIME = 60 minutes