

Expository Literary Analysis Essay Graphic Organizer

INTRODUCTION PARAGRAPH	
Hook/Big Ideas <i>1-2 sentences that focus on the big ideas or real world connections, but do not specifically state your claim or discuss the book. Use a hook to spark interest in the reader.</i>	
Background Information <i>2-4 more specific sentences which include background information about the text/topic and prepare the reader for your claim and universal idea.</i>	
Thesis Statement <i>In 1 sentence, answer the essay prompt and/or identify the main claim of your essay while also listing your three most important supporting reasons. Focus on why this topic matters.</i>	

1ST BODY PARAGRAPH	
Topic Sentence <i>Refer to the thesis and identify the first supporting reason that this paragraph will specifically focus on. Then reiterate how this reason answers the main prompt and builds your overall claim.</i>	
Evidence <i>Find a quote from the novel which relates to this topic and the specific example you're focusing on. Integrate it into your own words/sentence, give context about the scene/character, and use an MLA citation.</i>	
Analysis <i>Explain in 2-4 sentences how the quote above supports your claim in the "why" section of your thesis. This is where you answer the question in the prompt and explain how the quote is proof your answer is right. Avoid summary!</i>	

Transition <i>Briefly shift focus to prepare readers for the context of your second quote.</i>	
Evidence 2 <i>Find a second quote from the novel which relates to this topic and the specific example you're focusing on. Integrate it into your own words/sentence, give context about the scene/character, and use an MLA citation.</i>	
Analysis 2 <i>Explain in 2-4 sentences how the quote above supports your claim in the "why" section of your thesis. This is where you answer the question in the prompt and explain how the quote is proof your answer is right. Avoid summary!</i>	
Conclusion Sentence <i>Summarize your evidence/topic and briefly restate how it answers the question in the prompt/the "why" of your thesis, then transition to the topic of the next paragraph.</i>	

2ND BODY PARAGRAPH	
Topic Sentence <i>Refer to the thesis and identify the second supporting reason that this paragraph will specifically focus on. Then reiterate how this reason answers the main prompt and builds your overall claim.</i>	
Evidence <i>Find a quote from the novel which relates to this topic and the specific example you're focusing on. Integrate it into your own words/sentence, give context about the scene/character, and use an MLA citation.</i>	
Analysis <i>Explain in 2-4 sentences how the quote above supports your claim in the "why" section of your thesis. This is where you answer the question in the prompt and explain how the quote is proof your answer is right.</i>	

Avoid summary!	
Transition <i>Briefly shift focus to prepare readers for the context of your second quote.</i>	
Evidence 2 <i>Find a second quote from the novel which relates to this topic and the specific example you're focusing on. Integrate it into your own words/sentence, give context about the scene/character, and use an MLA citation.</i>	
Analysis 2 <i>Explain in 2-4 sentences how the quote above supports your claim in the "why" section of your thesis. This is where you answer the question in the prompt and explain how the quote is proof your answer is right. Avoid summary!</i>	
Conclusion Sentence <i>Summarize your evidence/topic and briefly restate how it answers the question in the prompt/the "why" of your thesis, then transition to the topic of the next paragraph.</i>	

3RD BODY PARAGRAPH	
Topic Sentence <i>Refer to the thesis and identify the third supporting reason that this paragraph will specifically focus on. Then reiterate how this reason answers the main prompt and builds your overall claim.</i>	
Evidence <i>Find a quote from the novel which relates to this topic and the specific example you're focusing on. Integrate it into your own words/sentence, give context about the scene/character, and use an MLA citation.</i>	
Analysis <i>Explain in 2-4 sentences how the quote above supports your claim in the "why" section of your thesis. This is where you answer the question in</i>	

the prompt and explain how the quote is proof your answer is right. Avoid summary!	
Transition Briefly shift focus to prepare readers for the context of your second quote.	
Evidence 2 Find a second quote from the novel which relates to this topic and the specific example you're focusing on. Integrate it into your own words/sentence, give context about the scene/character, and use an MLA citation.	
Analysis 2 Explain in 2-4 sentences how the quote above supports your claim in the "why" section of your thesis. This is where you answer the question in the prompt and explain how the quote is proof your answer is right. Avoid summary!	
Conclusion Sentence Summarize your evidence/topic and briefly restate how it answers the question in the prompt/the "why" of your thesis, then transition to the topic of the next paragraph.	

CONCLUSION PARAGRAPH	
Rephrase Thesis 1 sentence which uses different words to rephrase the main points of your original thesis statement.	
Summarize Evidence 2-4 sentences which summarize the key points in your body paragraphs and how they prove your thesis/claim and answer the original prompt.	
Insight on Universal Idea 1-3 sentences which wrap up your essay, this might be an insightful general statement about the broader	

<i>topic, or a statement making a particular point about your claim, etc.</i>	
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WORKS CITED

<i>Your final page should be a works cited section that identifies the piece of literature you are writing about in MLA format. If other outside sources were used, list those as well. For guidance on MLA style works cited pages- visit the Purdue OWL site.</i>
