

Essay Structure:

Introduction:

- Includes a thesis statement or central assertion/claim.

At least 2 body paragraphs, each paragraph contains:

- A topic sentence that relates to the thesis statement.
- A direct quote (with page number!) that supports the topic sentence.
- Analysis that is two times the length of quote. Analysis explains in depth how the quote supports the topic sentence.

Conclusion:

- Wraps up and links key points together.
- Acknowledges why/how your argument is valuable in terms of the book or to society at large.

Writing Prompt #3:

In chapter 5 of *Nervous Conditions*, what message do readers get about gender and/or gender roles? Discuss how one or both of the following literary devices are used to express that message.

- **Word Choice:** The words the characters and/or narrator choose to use to express themselves and their world. (For example, compare the dialogue between female characters to the dialogue between a female character(s) and Babamukuru).
- **Contrasts/Contradictions:** statements, events, actions, or characters that show inconsistency or contradiction with each other. (For example, compare the four different female characters in chapter 5. What do these four female characters ultimately tell us about gender roles?)