

Literary Analysis Essay Format

Introduction*

- A. Grab attention
- B. Incorporate background information (title, author)
- C. Provide a bridge to the thesis (Discuss the story's main theme or historical background.)
- D. State thesis

First Body Paragraph

- A. Topic sentence – Present your argument
 - 1. First remark proving your argument
 - a. Incorporate a quotation to provide defense
 - b. Elaborate (Show how first point and quotation prove topic argument.)
 - 2. Second remark proving your argument
 - a. Incorporate quotation to provide defense
 - b. Elaborate (Show how first point and quotation prove topic argument.)
- B. Clinch the paragraph

Second Body Paragraph

- A. Topic sentence – Present your argument
 - 1. First remark proving your argument
 - a. Incorporate a quotation to provide defense
 - b. Elaborate (Show how first point and quotation prove topic argument.)
 - 2. Second remark proving your argument
 - a. Incorporate quotation to provide defense
 - b. Elaborate (Show how first point and quotation prove topic argument.)
- B. Clinch the paragraph

Additional Body Paragraphs (If required.)

Conclusion*

- A. Revisit the thesis (restate it, but not in the same words)
- B. Reflect (why is this information important, interesting, or applicable)
- C. Wrap up (make it feel finished)

** Your conclusion should NOT: 1) summarize the plot, or 2) introduce an unrelated idea*