

## Outline Template for Literary Analysis Essay

### Create an Engaging and Interesting Title

**Intro:** Use a dynamic method of introduction. Include your *thesis* in the intro (thesis should articulate your interpretation of the story, of the story's *theme*).

### Body Paragraph 1

Topic sentence (*a supporting reason which directly relates to and supports your thesis*)

- Include part of the story that supports your claim (quote, scene, symbol, etc.).
- Give context to the support (who says the quote, what the scene means, interpretation of the symbol).
- Cite the element appropriately.
- Provide *Analysis* of the quote: How does it support the claim in your thesis? How does it contribute to the story's theme?
- Include *Personal Insight* – discuss your feelings and reactions, instances from your life or from your friends lives which might further reveal something about your interpretation.
- Close the paragraph with a transition to the ideas in the next body paragraph.

### Body Paragraph 2

Topic sentence (*a supporting reason which directly relates to and supports your thesis*)

- Include part of the story that supports your claim (quote, scene, symbol, etc.).
- Give context to the support (who says the quote, what the scene means, interpretation of the symbol).
- Cite the element appropriately.
- Provide *Analysis* of the quote: How does it support the claim in your thesis? How does it contribute to the story's theme?
- Include *Personal Insight* – discuss your feelings and reactions, instances from your life or from your friends lives which might further reveal something about your interpretation.
- Close the paragraph with a transition to the ideas in the next body paragraph.

### Body Paragraph 3

Topic sentence (*a supporting reason which directly relates to and supports your thesis*)

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- Give context to the support (who says the quote, what the scene means, interpretation of the symbol).
- Cite the element appropriately.
- Provide *Analysis* of the quote: How does it support the claim in your thesis? How does it contribute to the story's theme?
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- Close the paragraph with a transition to the ideas in the next body paragraph.

### Conclusion:

Use a strong method of conclusion. Look back on your thesis and restate your argument for your readers. Give them something to think about.