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Literary Analysis Planning Guide

Step 1 - rough plan

Thesis					
Claim #1		Claim #2		Claim #3	
Evidence #1	Evidence #2	Evidence #1	Evidence #2	Evidence #1	Evidence #2

Step 2 - detailed plan

Introduction:

✓ Grab reader's attention

✓ Introduce the title and author & give a little background

✓ Thesis (your topic + your opinion) One sentence, last sentence in introduction

Body Paragraph #1:

✓ Topic sentence for claim #1 in support of thesis

✓ Support #1(This is a quote or paraphrase)...Quotes can't stand alone, and they MUST have page numbers!!

✓ Explain how support #1 relates to claim #1

✓ Support #2(This is a quote or paraphrase)...Quotes can't stand alone, and they MUST have page numbers!!

✓ Explain how support #2 relates to claim#1

✓ If you haven't already, explain how claim #1 relates to thesis, and transition to conclusion

Body Paragraph #2

✓ Topic sentence for claim #2 in support of thesis

✓ Support #1(This is a quote or paraphrase)...Quotes can't stand alone, and they MUST have page numbers!!

✓ Explain how support #1 relates to claim #2

✓ Support #2(This is a quote or paraphrase)...Quotes can't stand alone, and they MUST have page numbers!!

✓ Explain how support #2 relates to claim#2

✓ If you haven't already, explain how claim #2 relates to thesis, and transition to conclusion

Body Paragraph #3

✓ Topic sentence for claim #3 in support of thesis

✓ Support #1(This is a quote or paraphrase)...Quotes can't stand alone, and they MUST have page numbers!!

✓ Explain how support #1 relates to claim #3

✓ Support #2(This is a quote or paraphrase)...Quotes can't stand alone, and they MUST have page numbers!!

✓ Explain how support #2 relates to claim#3

✓ If you haven't already, explain how claim #3 relates to thesis, and transition to conclusion

Conclusion

✓ Restate thesis & claims using NEW words

✓ Final thoughts for reader (relation to real world or what readers should learn from the work, etc.)