



# Outline Structure for Literary Analysis Essay

## I. Catchy Title

## II. Paragraph 1: Introduction (Use HATMAT)

- A. **H**ook
- B. **A**uthor
- C. **T**itle
- D. **M**ain characters
- E. **A** short summary
- F. **T**hesis

## III. Paragraph 2: First Body Paragraph

- A. Topic sentence (what this paragraph will discuss, how it will prove your thesis)
- B. Context for the quote
  - 1. Who says it?
  - 2. What's happening in the text when they say it?
- C. Quote from the text (cited appropriately)
- D. Analysis of the quote: How does it prove your thesis?
- E. Closing sentence (wrap up the paragraph to effectively transition to the next paragraph)

## IV. Paragraph 3: Second Body Paragraph

- A. Topic sentence (what this paragraph will discuss, how it will prove your thesis)
- B. Context for the quote
  - 1. Who says it?
  - 2. What's happening in the text when they say it?
- C. Quote from the text (cited appropriately)
- D. Analysis of the quote: How does it prove your thesis?
- E. Closing sentence (wrap up the paragraph to effectively transition to the next paragraph)

## V. Paragraph 4: Third Body Paragraph

- A. Topic sentence (what this paragraph will discuss, how it will prove your thesis)
- B. Context for the quote
  - 1. Who says it?
  - 2. What's happening in the text when they say it?
- C. Quote from the text (cited appropriately)
- D. Analysis of the quote: How does it prove your thesis?
- E. Closing sentence (wrap up the paragraph to effectively transition to the next paragraph)

## VI. Conclusion (You do not necessarily have to follow this order, but include the following):

- A. Summarize your argument.
- B. Extend the argument.
- C. Show why the text is important. Think locally, nationally, globally.