**LITERARY ESSAY (*Text Dependent Analysis*) OUTLINE**

This outline will help you to organize your thoughts and evidence as you prepare your literary essay. Fill in the form below using as much detail as possible – the more work you put into the outline, the more organized your essay!

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**\*CHOOSE 3 REASONS FROM THE TEXT TO SUPPORT YOUR SIDE:**

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**WRITE POSITION / THESIS STATEMENT:**

*\*All starred items above must be included in the thesis statement.*

**OUTLINE PARAGRAPH #1 (Introduction):**

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Position / Thesis Statement

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**Explain your position through the use of three reasons with at least two pieces of evidence from the text for each.**

**WRITE REASON #1 / PARAGRAPH #2**

Topic Sentence (*Explain what this paragraph is about and how it will prove your thesis statement to be true*)

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A. Evidence (*Quote from the text, pg. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_)*

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According to (*author’s name*)… In (*story title*)…

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Explanation:

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This illustrates… This is convincing because… This shows… This is significant because…

Explanation:

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**WRITE REASON #2 / PARAGRAPH #3**

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The author states… In the text, it states…

According to (*author’s name*)… In (*story title*)…

A. Evidence (*Quote from the text, pg. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_)*

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Explanation:

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**WRITE REASON #3 / PARAGRAPH #4**

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According to (*author’s name*)… In (*story title*)…

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A. Evidence (*Quote from the text, pg. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_)*

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B. Evidence (Quote from the text, pg. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_)

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**PARAGRAPH #5 (Conclusion):**

Restate Thesis / Position Statement (Make it 4 sentences – emphasizing the importance of how each of your points proves your thesis point to be true)

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