

Literary Analysis Planning guide

Step 1 – rough plan

| Thesis | | | | | |
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| Claim #1 | | Claim #2 | | Claim #3 | |
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| Evidence #1 | Evidence #2 | Evidence #1 | Evidence #2 | Evidence #1 | Evidence #2 |
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Step 2 – detailed plan

Introduction:

✓ Grab reader's attention

✓ Introduce the title and author & give a brief PLOT summary

✓ 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 next claim #2

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 next claim #3

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.)