**THESIS GENERATION AND SUPPORT**

**for a literary analysis essay**

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*This is a generic outline for a paper. Your task is to take the thesis statement you’re given and find textual evidence supporting that idea then explain why your selections back up your thesis.*

*PROCEDURES:*

1. *Find three textual supports for your thesis and write them in the QUOTE section of the paper outline*
2. *Determine a topic sentence that could be used for a paragraph that contains those quotes.*
3. *Then, analyze each quote and explain HOW and WHY this example from the text proves your topic sentence/thesis*

**Paragraph 1: Introduction**

* + THESIS (write what your group is supporting here):

**Paragraph 2: First Body Paragraph**

2. Topic sentence (what this paragraph will discuss, how it will prove your thesis)

* + ~~Context for the quote~~
  + 1. Quote from the text (cited appropriately)

3. Analysis of the quote: How does it prove your topic sentence?

* + ~~Closing sentence (wrap up the paragraph to effectively transition to the next paragraph)~~

**Paragraph 3: Second Body Paragraph**

2. Topic sentence (what this paragraph will discuss, how it will prove your thesis)

* + ~~Context for the quote~~
  + 1. Quote from the text (cited appropriately)

3. Analysis of the quote: How does it prove your topic sentence?

* + ~~Closing sentence (wrap up the paragraph to effectively transition to the next paragraph)~~

**Paragraph 4: Third Body Paragraph**

2. Topic sentence (what this paragraph will discuss, how it will prove your thesis)

* + ~~Context for the quote~~
  + 1. Quote from the text (cited appropriately)

3. Analysis of the quote: How does it prove your topic sentence?

* + ~~Closing sentence (wrap up the paragraph to effectively transition to the next paragraph)~~

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

* + Summarize your argument.
  + Extend the argument.
  + Show why the text is important.