

# Critical Essay Outline Template

- 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.