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English 201: Sample Book Critique Outline

**Please Note: Only items in bold should be complete sentences.**

I. Introduction

- A. Attention getter
- B. Introduction of novel
- C. Author information
- D. Three-point thesis**

II. Conflict

- A. Conflict – topic sentence (should reflect the content of the whole paragraph)**
- B. Example 1 from the novel
  - 1. Explanation of example
  - 2. Explain why the example supports your opinion about the conflict
- C. Example 2 from the novel
  - 1. Explanation of example
  - 2. Explain why the example supports your opinion about the conflict
- D. Example 3 from the novel
  - 1. Explanation of example
  - 2. Explain why the example supports your opinion about the conflict
- E. Concluding Sentence- (should summarize what you have talked about)

III. Analysis of theme

**A. Theme–topic sentence (should list the theme)**

B. Explanation of the theme (author’s message)

C. Example 1

1. Explanation of example

2. Explain why the example supports your opinion about the theme

D. Example 2

1. Explanation of example

2. Explain why the example supports your opinion about the theme

D. Example 3

1. Explanation of example

2. Explain why the example supports your opinion about the theme

F. Concluding Sentence (should summarize what you have talked about)

IV. Analysis literary devices

**A. Topic sentence**

B. Device # 1

1. Example quote

2. Explain how the quote is an example of the literary device

3. Evaluation of author on this device

C. Device # 2

1. Example quote

2. Explain how the quote is an example of the literary device

3. Evaluation of author on this device

D. Device # 3

1. Example quote
2. Explain how the quote is an example of the literary device
3. Evaluation of author on this device

E. Concluding Sentence

V. Conclusion

**A. Inverted Thesis (restate in different words)**

B. Overall opinion on the novel

C. Clincher

### **Typed Outline Reminders**

- Use Times New Roman and a 12-point type
- Use 1" margins and double-space the entire outline; and
- Use MLA heading on the first page of the paper with headers on all pages.

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- Do not write in complete sentences
  - Make sure your outline is parallel
- Parallelism - How do I accomplish this?

Each heading and subheading should preserve parallel structure. If the first heading is a noun, the second heading should be a noun. Example:

#### **Bad Example:**

I. Picking the Colleges

II. Prepare Application

("Picking" is an adverb and "Prepare" is a verb.)

#### **Good Example:**

I. Choose Desired Colleges

II. Prepare Application

("Choose" and "Prepare" are both verbs.)

- Use the sample outline as a guide for how to format the outline.