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English 201: Sample Literary Critique Outline  
**DO NOT WRITE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES**

I. Introduction

A. Attention getter (quotation, statement, or rhetorical question)

B. Introduction to the short story

1. Main characters in the story (Who is the story about?)
2. Main conflict in the story (What happens in the story?)

C. Three-point thesis

1. Title of the work and author name
2. List the literary device and the three key points you will focus on.

II. Body Paragraphs

A. Key Point #1

1. 1st point from the thesis statement — a generalization
2. An example to support your generalization
3. A quotation to support your generalization
4. Analysis and interpretation of the supporting evidence to show how it supports the generalization
5. Your evaluation of author on this device (Did the author do a good job?)

B. Key Point # 2

1. 2<sup>nd</sup> point from the thesis statement — a generalization
2. An example to support your generalization

3. A quotation to support your generalization
4. Analysis and interpretation of the supporting evidence to show how it supports the generalization
5. Your evaluation of author on this device (Did the author do a good job?)

C. Key Point # 3

1. 3<sup>rd</sup> point from the thesis statement — a generalization
2. An example to support your generalization
3. A quotation to support your generalization
4. Analysis and interpretation of the supporting evidence to show how it supports the generalization
5. Your evaluation of author on this device (Did the author do a good job?)

III. Conclusion

- A. Inverted Thesis (restate in different words)
- B. Summarize the main points in the paper
- 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.
- 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

Good Example:

- I. Choose Desired Colleges
- II. Prepare Application

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

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

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