

Five Paragraph Literary Essay

Write a five-paragraph essay on one of the major themes in *To Kill a Mockingbird*. Explain the importance of this themes and how it is evident throughout the novel. A five paragraph essay includes:

Introduction: Grab the reader's attention by using a quote, anecdote, asking a question, etc. you want to give a brief description of the novel and an overview of the theme you're choosing. State your thesis statement along with listing the three examples you intend to show for your theme.

Body 1: An example from the book that reflects the theme. Give an overview of the scene/situation and how it relates to the theme and its importance.

Body 2: A second example from the book that reflects the theme. Give an overview of the scene/situation and how it relates to the theme and its importance.

Body 3: A third example from the book that reflects the theme. Give an overview of the scene/situation and how it relates to the theme and its importance.

Conclusion: Reiterate how the theme is important and plays a role in the novel. Review your evidence from your body paragraphs. Lastly you want to explain what the reader can learn from this theme; why this theme is important. You may want to end with another quote that shows the theme, answers the question you asked in the introduction, or give another anecdote.

Choose one of the following topics:

Good vs. Evil	Innocence (Loss of Innocence)	Growing Up/Youth
Prejudice/Stereotyping	Justice and Judgement	Morality and Ethics
Fear Family	Compassion and Forgiveness	Empathy Courage

Make your topic into a theme (lesson):

Find three examples of this theme in the novel (Include chapters)

1.

2.

3.

Name

Date

Hour

Introduction:

Attention getter: You want to grab the reader's attention: Find a quote, ask a question, tell an anecdote (story), etc., to grab your reader's attention.

Summary: Give a brief review of the novel (3-4 sentences) and how it connects with your thesis statement. You should state the title and author:

Thesis statement: This is a short statement, usually one sentence that summarizes the main point or claim of an essay, and is developed, supported, and explained in the text by means of examples and evidence.

Example: A major theme in To Kill Mockingbird is that you should always have the courage to do what's right. Some examples of courage in To Kill a Mockingbird include (1) the courage Atticus shows by defending Tom Robinson, despite how people are going to treat him and his children. Additionally, (2) how Scout finds courage when being confronted by Cecil Jacobs' hateful words about her father, and lastly (3) how Jem shows courage when he refuses to leave his father's side the night a mob of men come to lynch Tom Robinson.

Thesis statement:

Name

Date

Hour

Body 1: One example of _____ is when (summarize example/scene)

Explain how this example relates to your theme and its importance:

Body 2: Additionally, furthermore, Another example of _____ is when (summarize example/scene)

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Explain how this example relates to your theme and its importance:

Body 3: Lastly, furthermore, additionally, thirdly another example of _____ is
when (summarize example/scene)

Explain how this example relates to your theme and its importance:

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Conclusion:

In *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee _____ is a significant theme in the novel.

This theme is important because _____

some evidence of _____ in the novel includes (1) _____

(2) _____ (3) _____

What can the reader take away? Why did you chose this theme? Why is it important? _____

End it on a last note like a quote, answer the question in your attention getter, give an anecdote,

relate to real life, etc.
