

## Persuasive Essay/Response to Literature Organizer

### Introductory Paragraph:

- Because this persuasive essay is also a response to literature, you must include:
- Title of the novel, author's name, and a synopsis
- A thesis statement: in this case your *claim* or assertion that you need to defend.

### Body Paragraphs:

- Defend your claim by incorporating logical examples from the text, and inserting textual support in the form of quotes.
- You need at *least three* well developed paragraphs. One solid example in each one with textual support.
- Cite the page number after each quote in parenthesis.
- Make sure that you don't just retell the novel; the narration of events must support your claim
- Address at *least one* reader concern (objection to your claim) and provide a counterargument or refutation (how do you respond to the concern and still persuade the reader?)
- The reader concern/counterargument should comprise at *least one* full paragraph.

### Concluding Paragraph:

- Restate your claim (use different wording that expresses the same idea).
- Summarize your main points.
- You may close with a final reflection or conclusion based on your claim.