

Organizer for 1984 Literature Response Essay

Introductory Paragraph

Title of selection and author

Synopsis (brief summary)

Thesis Statement:

Body Paragraphs:

Note: you will most likely need at least two body paragraphs for each argument

Supporting idea/arguments	Quotes
1.	

2.	
3.	

Reader Concern/objection	Counterargument

Concluding Paragraph

Restatement of thesis Statement

Final reflection or opinion (may be based on one of the themes)

Don't Forget!

- ◇ Incorporate quotes to support your statements
- ◇ Use transition words and phrases to tie ideas and paragraphs (furthermore, moreover, additionally, in conclusion...)
- ◇ Insert the page number of the quotes in parentheses
- ◇ Always explain the context of a quote, a quote is not a paragraph on its own
- ◇ Write an analysis of the quote you are using
- ◇ Use **present** tense
- ◇ Use MLA formatting! Refer to the MLA formatting guidelines given in class.
- ◇ Revise
- ◇ Edit
- ◇ Read your essay aloud; read it to someone else. Clarify thoughts that are confusing.
- ◇ Use active voice; keep your ideas crisp and clear.

To keep your essay formal, do NOT:

- ◇ Use you, your, etc.
- ◇ Write "I think..I believe..." just write your statements, and support them with strong examples and quotes
- ◇ When you use a quote, don't write that you are using a quote! Example: this quote shows
- ◇ Just summarize the novel! You are supporting a claim about the novel.