**Organizer for of Mice and men Persuasive Essay**

**Paragraph 1: Introduction**

* Title of the novel, author’s name, and a brief (4-6 sentences) synopsis
* A thesis statement: in this case your ***claim*** or assertion that you need to defend. (I believe that George was/was not justified in killing Lennie).

**Paragraph 2:**

* Reason #1
* Textual support (quote to support your statement)
* Explanation of the quote

**Paragraph 3:**

* Reason #2
* Textual support (quote to support your statement)
* Explanation of the quote

**Paragraph 4:**

* Reason #3
* Textual support (quote to support your statement)
* Explanation of the quote

**Paragraph 5:**

* Anticipate a reader concern (objection to your claim-some readers may not agree with my position because…)
* Provide a counterargument (how do you respond to the objection?- However….)

**Paragraph 6:**

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.