**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.