

Literary Analysis

1. Establish the Theme and its Validity

Theme Statement

This statement is true because:

Reason 1

Reason 2

Reason 3

2. Show Author's Strategy

A. The Author uses plot to show (a reason) by . . .

B. The Author uses Character (etc.) to show (a reason) by

3. Merge Theme and Strategy

Reason 1

Strategy A

Reason 2

Strategy B

Reason 3

Strategy A or B

Conclusion

Name _____ Pd. ____

Literary Analysis in Sentence Outline Form

Write the analysis of _____ as a **sentence outline**, using the framework below.
(Remember, **Theme** is what the **Author says** about Life and **Thesis** is what **you say** about **how** the author conveys his idea)

1. Major Assertion (Thesis):

In _____, the author **uses plot and second element (Character, characterization, setting, point of view, style)** to express the theme that ...

[This statement is true because:]

2. Minor Assertion (Point or Reason):

(Note: This should be your statement about the **author's technique - the use** of plot or second element. It should not be a statement about the characters or story; these are the evidence.)

2. _____

[This reason is valid because of the following evidence or example from the work]

2A. Evidence or Example from Text:

(Use a summary or short exemplary quote, with page numbers)

2a. _____

(p. _____)

[The evidence (or example) supports or proves the minor assertion by ...]

2B. Application

Supply a sentence (or two) showing **how** the evidence or example supports the minor assertion and therefore proves the major assertion.

2b. _____

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4. _____

[This reason is valid because of the

following evidence or example from the work]

4A. Evidence or Example from Text:

(Use a summary or short exemplary quote, with page numbers)

4a. _____

(p. _____)

[*The evidence (or example) supports or proves the minor assertion by ...*]

4B. Application

Supply a sentence (or two) showing **how** the evidence or example supports the minor assertion and therefore proves the major assertion.

4b. _____

Conclusion
