

One-Page Outliner for THEMATIC ANALYSIS ESSAY

THESIS STATEMENT

NAME: _____

BLOCK: _____

AUTHORIAL CHOICES (supporting ideas)

TEXTUAL REFERENCES (quotations or paraphrases)

CITATIONS

COMMENTARY THAT CONVINCINGLY SUPPORTS YOUR THEME CLAIM

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must have this in order for anything else to be scored

THESIS STATEMENT:

- book title underlined, not in quotes
- author's last name
- analytical verb from handout
- a Benton-approved defensible, complex theme claim
- not a list but a clear summary of the authorial choices being covered in the body paragraphs

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AUTHORIAL CHOICES / BODY PARAGRAPH TOPICS:

- at least one parallel or contrast
- at least one piece of specific literary terminology from the notes
- a total of three distinctly different (though thematically connected) choices by the author
- must fairly represent the work/book as a whole (not ignore important aspects)

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TEXTUAL REFERENCES & CITATIONS:

- a total of at least seven quotations with page #s
- at least one should be a direct example of relevant literary terminology

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COMMENTARY: must explain how evidence proves your thesis's complex theme claim