

Name _____

Date: _____

Four Paragraph Essay Planner

The Introduction

Sentence 1: Clincher (rephrase the question and apply to life)

An Attention Grabbing **Statement**, Quotation, or Question **about the GENERAL TOPIC of the ESSAY**

HINT: Use the question. SHHH...Do Not mention the title, author, or characters you will write about in your essay!

Sentence 2: General Background Information about the topic

Write a sentence to expand on Clincher. **Use key words/ideas in your question!** **Do not mention your literature yet!**

Sentence 3: Additional General Background

Write another sentence about topic. **Use other key words/ideas in the question.** **Do not mention your literature yet!**

Sentence 4: Link the topic to Literature in General



Write a general sentence transitioning your essay topic to literature in general. (Ex.: "In literature, characters.....")

Sentence 5

THESIS STATEMENT: Write a sentence to answer the question and tell exactly what your essay will talk about

Include genre, Title, Author, Character's name(or the speaker), and how the greasers are perceived by others and how (name characters) don't act like "greasers"!!! (can be two sentences)

Body Paragraph One

Topic Sentence: Introduce the first idea from **Thesis** and from the bullet/s.

Note: Bullets that talk about one main idea should be combined.

Detail Sentences: Example One from the text

Name Quote One

Explain It

Detail Sentences: Example Two from the text

Name Quote Two

Detail Sentences: Example Two from the text

Concluding/Transition Sentence: Sum up Body One/Transition to Body Two

Body Paragraph Two

Topic Sentence: Introduce the next idea from **Thesis** and from bullets.

Note: Bullets that talk about one main idea should be combined. USE Bullets Two and Three.

Detail Sentences: Example One from the text

Name Quote One

Explain It

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Detail Sentences: Example Two from the text

Name Quote Two

Explain it

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Detail Sentences: Example Two from the text

Name Quote Three

Explain it

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Concluding/Transition Sentence: Sum up Body One/Transition to Body Two

The Conclusion

Sentence 1

Restate/Reword the Thesis Statement (last sentence from the Introduction)

Sentence 2

Restate Topic Sentence of Body Paragraph One

Sentence 3

Restate Topic Sentence of Body Paragraph Two

Sentence 4

Outcome Statement (Make a statement to relate what you have the character learned to life, or what all people can learn, or other literature, or to a movie, or to society.)