

## Detailed Outline:

Paragraph #1: Introduction – general comments about the character and/or novel lead you to your thesis statement (described above). Be sure you have identified the author and title of the book and the character you will be analyzing. Some questions you could address in your introduction include:

Why did you pick this character? What do you like and/or dislike about this character? Do you identify with this character on any level? Do you know someone similar to him or her? Explain.

Paragraphs #2 - #4: Three Body Paragraphs – the topic sentence for each body paragraph includes one character trait you chose to describe your character. For example, “Atticus Finch is a man of great integrity.” Follow examples from the story that support your topic sentence, and at least one direct quotation from the novel in each body paragraph. Next, explain how your examples support your topic sentence, and conclude each body paragraph with a summarizing “clincher” sentence to wrap-up your ideas.

\*\*If you did a character trait per paragraph, it will be easier to write more information

Paragraph #5: Conclusion – restate your thesis statement and add some final thoughts about your character and/or the novel...leave the reader in awe of your wisdom!