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## Research Paper Outline Blank

### I. General information to introduce the author

#### A. Attention Grabber

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How can you draw the reader in from the outside world?

#### B. Info you don't have to cite (date and place of author's birth, honors, interesting stuff)

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Lead from the attn. grabber to info on the author.

#### C. Introduce the novel you read - give summary

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Capitalize & underline title of book

#### D. Thesis statement: A sentence that states the topic of the entire paper.

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Make sure it includes all three main ideas some how

### II. Topic sent.: A statement about his/her obstacles &/or influences

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What the whole paragraph will be about

#### A. Sub-point: More specifics about obstacles:

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Your first point in this paragraph - your words

#### 1. Introduce evidence:

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Lead in to quote with your words

#### **Evidence** from reference or online articles:

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The sentence/s from the source

Your words - explain what the evidence shows

#### 2. Commentary

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B. Sub-point: More specifics about his/her obstacles &/or influences:

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Your 2nd point

1. Introduce evidence:

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Lead in to quote with your words

**Evidence** from reference or online articles:

\_\_\_\_\_

The sentence/s from the source

Your words - explain what the evidence shows

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2. Commentary

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C. Concluding sent/transition to social issues

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Smoothly move from this par. to the next

III. Topic sent.: A statement about the social issue/s he/she writes about

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\_\_\_\_\_  
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What the whole paragraph will be about

A. Sub-point: More specifics about the social issue/s:

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Your first point in this paragraph - your words

1. Introduce evidence:

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Lead in to quote with your words

**Evidence** from reference, online articles, or novel:

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The sentence/s from the source

Your words - explain what the evidence shows

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2. Commentary

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B. Sub-point: More specifics about social issue/s:

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Your 2nd point

1. Introduce evidence:

\_\_\_\_\_

Lead in to quote with your words

**Evidence** from reference, online articles, or novel:

The sentence/s from the source

Your words - explain what the evidence shows

2. Commentary

C. Concluding sent/transition theme

Smoothly move from this par. to the next

IV. Topic sent.: A statement about the main theme/s of your novel (include the name)

What the whole paragraph will be about

A. Sub-point: More specifics about one theme or one part of the theme

Your first point in this paragraph - your words

1. Introduce evidence:

Lead in to quote with your words

**Evidence** from novel:

The sentence/s from the novel

2. Commentary

Your words - explain what the evidence shows

B. Sub-point: More specifics about one theme or one part of the theme

Your 2nd point

1. Introduce evidence:

Lead in to quote with your words

**Evidence** from novel:

The sentence/s from the novel

2. Commentary

Your words - explain what the evidence shows

C. Concluding sent/transition to conclusion

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Smoothly move from this par. to the conclusion

V. Topic sent.: Restate your thesis (MUST say it differently)

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What the whole paper was about

A. General information about the author

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Date and cause of death or place of residence and age if still living

B. Summarize body paragraphs:

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Sum up the whole idea of this essay

C. Recommendation for future readers:

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Would you recommend this book? Why? To whom?

D. Concluding sentence

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Don't just stop - have a clean ending