

Independent Reading Pre-Writing

On loose-leaf paper: Develop your thesis statement based on your selected topic. Then decide what each of your body paragraphs will be about (to support your thesis statement). You must have *at least two* body paragraphs in your essay.

Example #1:

Topic:	EXPERIENCE in <u>Hamlet</u>
Thesis statement:	Hamlet's visitation by the ghost of his father causes Hamlet deeper depression, self-loathing, and ultimately his sanity.
Paragraph #1:	How Hamlet becomes more deeply depressed
Paragraph #2:	How Hamlet becomes self-hating
Paragraph #3:	How Hamlet becomes mentally unbalanced

Example #2:

Topic:	INFLUENCE in <u>Fahrenheit 451</u>
Thesis statement:	Clarisse McClellan inspires Montag to question his beliefs, alter his values, and ultimately work for societal change.
Paragraph #1:	How Clarisse encourages Montag to question the world around him
Paragraph #2:	How Clarisse helps Montag change his values
Paragraph #3:	How Clarisse inspires Montag to work for change

Example #3:

Topic:	CHANGE in <u>Lord of the Flies</u>
Thesis statement:	Due to the lack of law, order, and social constraints, Jack changes from a civilized school boy into a ruthless savage.
Paragraph #1:	How Jack appears civilized in the beginning of the book
Paragraph #2:	How Jack changes into a savage

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Independent Reading Essay Outline

TOPIC OF ESSAY: _____

I. INTRODUCTION

GENERAL STATEMENT FOR INTRODUCTION:

TITLE AND AUTHOR OF BOOK: _____

THESIS STATEMENT:

II. BODY PARAGRAPH ONE

TOPIC SENTENCE: _____

SUPPORTING INFORMATION: _____

CLINCHER SENTENCE: _____

III. BODY PARAGRAPH TWO

TOPIC SENTENCE (with transition): _____

SUPPORTING INFORMATION: _____

CLINCHER SENTENCE: _____

IV. BODY PARAGRAPH THREE (optional)

TOPIC SENTENCE (with transition): _____

SUPPORTING INFORMATION: _____

CLINCHER SENTENCE: _____

V. CONCLUSION

IDEAS: _____

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