

Outline Planning Sheet for Literary Analysis of Short Story (50 pts)

Story: " _____ " by _____

Literary technique (What) to analyze _____

Literary technique's method (How) to analyze _____

Theme/purpose (Why) of this story is _____

I. Thesis statement:

_____ (author's name) uses (what) _____

(how) _____ to reveal (theme/purpose-why) that _____

_____ in " _____ ." (story's title)

What hook will create exigency for readers? Assuming your reader has read the story, what specific background information does your reader need about the story before she will understand the thesis? This will be your background leading up to your thesis. (In "I Stand Here Ironing," Olsen reveals the thoughts of the 38-year-old mother of Emily after a school counselor has called asking for help...)

II. Body Paragraph #1:

Topic Sentence: _____

Claim about detail #1. _____

- Supporting evidence/quotation:
- Analysis how E proves C & reveals theme:

Claim about detail #2. _____

- Supporting evidence/quotation:
- Analysis how E proves C & reveals theme:

III. Body Paragraph #2:

Topic Sentence: _____

Claim about detail #1. _____

- Supporting evidence/quotation:
- Analysis how E proves C & reveals theme:

Claim about detail #2. _____

- Supporting evidence/quotation:
- Analysis how E proves C & reveals theme:

IV. Body Paragraph #3:

Topic Sentence: _____

Claim about detail #1. _____

- Supporting evidence/quotation:
- Analysis how E proves C & reveals theme:

Claim about detail #2. _____

- Supporting evidence/quotation:
- Analysis how E proves C & reveals theme:

V. Concluding Paragraph: Restatement of thesis and summary of the role of the literary element in revealing the theme