

Lit. Themes

October 21 - 25

Monday, October 21st

Objectives: Students will be able to write an argumentative essay that provides a clear claim and evidence to support it.



Agenda:

- Choose your position on the prompt. Write your claim
- Choose two quotes that support or back up your claim.
- Begin writing your body paragraphs.

A Complex Claim with two pieces of evidence:

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Although _____,

because _____
and _____.

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Now write your own:

Prompt:

**Which is the better way to live:
conforming to society's standards
or rebelling against them?**

Choose your position and find two
quotes that you will use as evidence.

Summarize the evidence in the
reasoning portion of your claim.

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Now that you have a claim, let's jump ahead to the body paragraphs. We'll come back to the intro.

Body Paragraph Format

- Topic sentence
- Context to introduce evidence
- Textual Evidence (Quote) with citation
- Reasoning/Explanation of how the quote provides an example to support your claim.



The **topic sentence** introduces to your reader which example you are going to use as evidence and how it connects to your claim.

Example: John Proctor is a good person because when his wife's and his friend's lives were on the line, he was willing to confess his sin of adultery to the judge, the girls, and villagers of Salem in the courtroom.

**Write the topic sentence for your first
body paragraph or for
your first piece of textual evidence.**

This is what NO context looks like:

Teacher: How has your day been?



Student: “All of you sit down in your desks this instant and take out your books! One more sound and you all get a detention!”

Good Writers provide context:

Teacher: How has your day been?



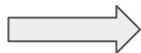
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Student: I'm in a bad mood because last period, when I walked into math class, my teacher shouted, "All of you sit down in your desks this instant and take out your books! One more sound and you all get a detention!"

Context

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Context provides necessary information for the reader who may not have read the text.

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Context - **Now provide context for your quote.**

Quote or Textual Evidence (they're the same thing)

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- Reasoning/Explanation of how the quote provides an example to support your claim.

After the context sentence, provide the quote exactly as it appears in the text.

Quotes begin and end with quotation marks.

Put the author's name and page number in parenthesis after the quote. (Miller 1234)

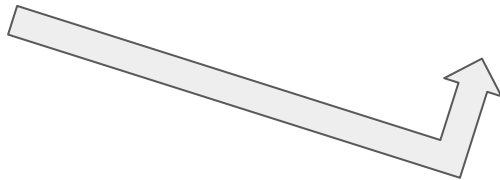
Explanation and Reasoning

Body Paragraph Format

- Topic sentence
- Context to introduce evidence
- Textual Evidence (Quote) with citation
- Reasoning/Explanation of how the quote provides an example to support your claim.

This is **NOT** a summary of what the quote.

The explanation should be **YOUR OWN WORD FROM YOUR BRAIN** about **HOW** the quote you just provided **proves the claim** in your introduction.



An example for reasoning and explanation:

If this is my context and quote:

When John was in the courtroom, and Abigail and the girls pretended to feel a cold wind, unable to take anymore lies, John Proctor called out to the judges, “Whore! It is a whore!” and then confessed, “I have known her.” (Miller 1256)

I would follow with this explanation and reasoning:

At that moment John realized that the girls would lie any time and every time someone called them out and that until he revealed his affair with Abigail, no one would believe she could be so deceitful. John revealed both himself and Abigail as sinners and adulterers in order to lessen her credibility and increase his own, and hopefully make the judges understand that her accusations were lies. He destroyed his own upstanding reputation for the lives of his friends. Only a truly selfless and good person would do that.

Now add your explanation and reasoning to explain your quote.

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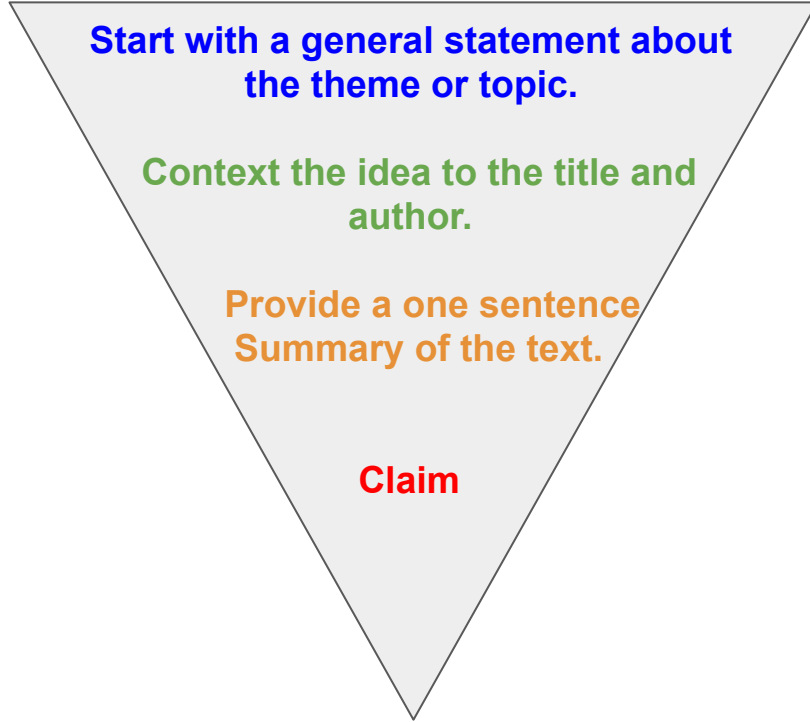
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Agenda:

- F.R.E.D. books (10 min.)
- Introduction Mini-Lesson
 - Write your introduction paragraph
- Write your second body paragraph



Writing an Introduction Paragraph



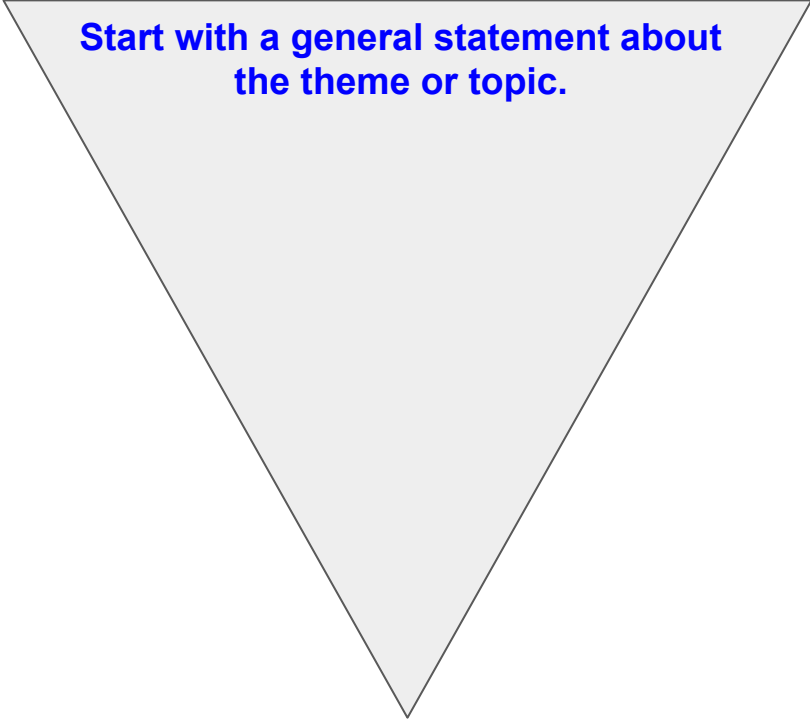
Every paragraph of your essay should have a minimum of 4 sentences.

Titles of books and plays are underlined or italicized.

All names and titles must be spelled correctly!

REMEMBER NOT TO USE “I”, “in my opinion”, “I believe”, etc. or “you” or “your”

Writing an Introduction Paragraph



Start with a general statement about the theme or topic.

The concepts of good and evil have been present in societies since the beginning of time, leaving people to wonder if one can truly be considered good, even after they have sinned.

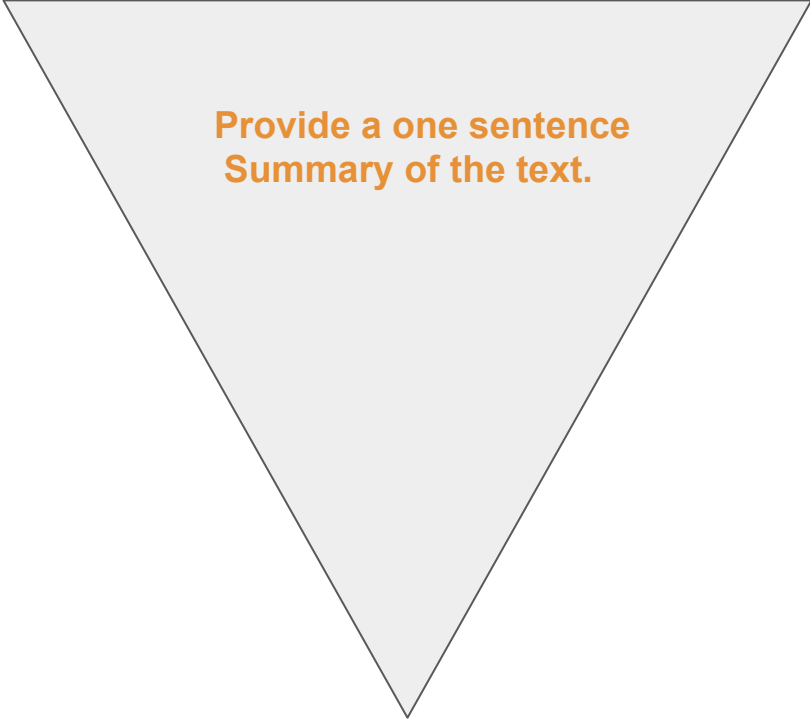
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Context the idea to the title and author.

In Arthur Miller's play The Crucible, John Proctor struggles with the admiration and respect given to him by the villagers of Salem and his own guilt for secretly committing adultery.

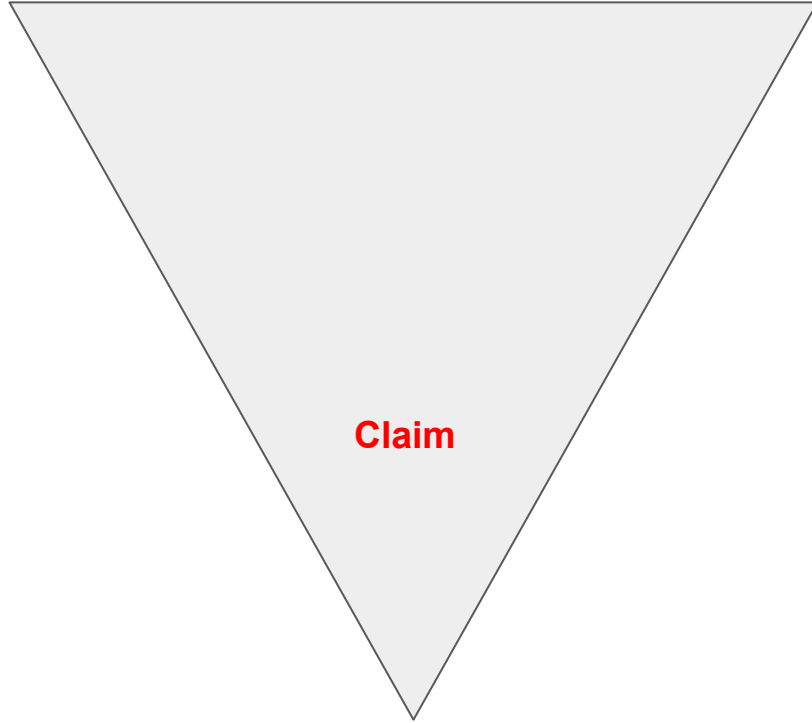
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**Provide a one sentence
Summary of the text.**

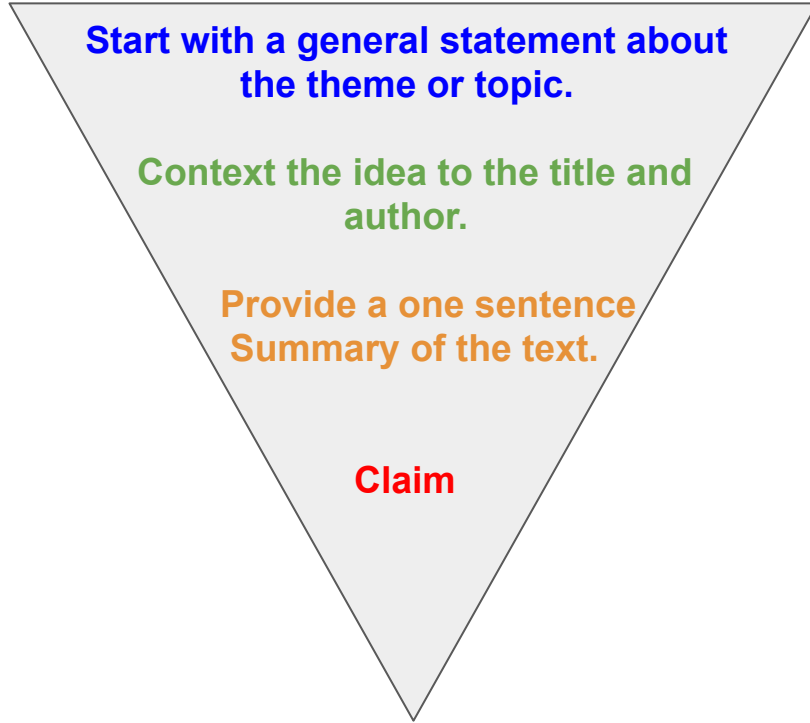
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Writing an Introduction Paragraph



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Continue Writing . . .

Now that you have an intro paragraph and one body paragraph written, you have a choice



1. Grab a laptop and begin typing your paper in One Drive. You will type your second body paragraph when you get to it.

OR

2. Hand-write your second body paragraph first and then type your completed essay after writing the conclusion.

Wednesday, October 23rd

Agenda:

- Writing the conclusion
- Continue working on your essay
- Essay is due Monday at 3:14
though no more class time will
be devoted to working on it.



Thursday, October 24th - ½ Day



Agenda:

- Share your One Drive Essay to Per 3 & 5 fmanzella@d131.org
Per 1 & 6 owensemily33@gmail.com
- Finish writing/typing
- Completed essay due Tuesday at 3:14 p.m.

Send your parents to talk to us 1 - 4 or 5 - 8 tonight or tomorrow 8 - 12!

Writing the conclusion: Now you get to summarize!

Conclusion Format:

- Summarize the theme you are focusing on.
- Summarize your first example paragraph.
- Summarize your second example paragraph.
- Restate your claim using different words than those in your intro.
- Explain the lesson to be learned.

Conclusion



Writing the conclusion: Now you get to summarize!

Conclusion Format:

-Summarize the theme you are focusing on.

Goodness and evil are ideas that cause societies and people to be in continual conflict with one another and even within themselves.

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-Summarize your first example paragraph.

Proctor's goodness greatly outweighed his sin of adultery because he felt remorse for his wrongdoing and sacrificed his own reputation as a form of redemption.

Writing the conclusion: Now you get to summarize!

Conclusion Format:

-Summarize your second example paragraph.

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Though Proctor faltered for a brief time when he signed the false confession, he couldn't let his friends die after he betrayed them, so he tore his confession and decided to die to preserve the truth.

Writing the conclusion: Now you get to summarize!

Conclusion Format:

- Restate your claim using different words than those in your intro.

Because of his actions of destroying his own respected reputation and sacrificing his own life in order to save others he loved, Proctor made the ultimate sacrifice and earned back his goodness.

Writing the conclusion: Now you get to summarize!

Conclusion Format:

- Explain the lesson to be learned.

Miller's message to his audience is that even though human nature causes us all to sin, everyone is capable of redeeming our goodness.

Put it all together:

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