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TISAS Paragraph Template

Instructions: Under the descriptions of each element of a body paragraph, write your version.

Topic Sentence: Introduces focused argument for the paragraph aka “mini thesis”. This should address a component of your thesis. Example: *When Mr. Bittering arrives on Mars, he is not prepared to see himself as anything but an Earthling on Mars, an idea that Bradbury introduces through the characters’ changing eye color.*

Introduce Supporting Evidence: Set up your writing to link topic sentence to first example of evidence (quote or specific example from the text). Establish context that leads to the quote/example

Supporting Evidence: Quote or example from the text that is the springboard for your analysis. Quoted material needs to be integrated using TLC (Tag, Lead, Citation)

Analysis of Supporting Evidence (inferences): Unpack the significance of your quote. This does not mean you simply summarize what is happening at this point in the story; this does mean that you discuss why this moment in the story, or the devices that the author is using in this moment, is key in proving your claim in the topic sentence. This should be **at least 2-3 sentences in length.**

Segue/transition to Second Example of Supporting Evidence: Link the progression of your analysis from first example to second example

Introduction to Supporting Evidence:

Supporting Evidence:

Analysis of Supporting Evidence

Summary Sentence: This sentence ties the two different levels of analysis in your paragraph together and comments on their significance. Another way to think about this, is “Why does what I just wrote matter?” or, “So what?”.