

LITERATURE & WRITING

When you're reading your literature books or your Rhetoric books, it's a good idea to take notes or keep summaries of each chapter as you read.

You can use these note-taking pages to help you keep track of what you're reading and chapter summaries.

Name: _____

Date: _____

Title of Book: _____

Chapter: _____

Something that interests me	Pg. #	Why does it surprise me?	What does this suggest?

Name: _____

Date: _____

Title of Book: _____

Chapter: _____

Character or Event	Notes, facts, and supporting details (may include pg #)

CHAPTER SUMMARIES

Name: _____ Book: _____

Ch. #	Summary

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5 Paragraph Essay Worksheet

Introduction

Opener (Attention Grabber): _____

Background Info: _____

Brief Overview/Synopsis: _____

Thesis with 3 main points: _____

Body #1

Topic Sentence: _____

Supporting Detail: _____

Supporting Detail: _____

Supporting Detail: _____

Clincher: _____

Body #2

Topic Sentence: _____

Supporting Detail: _____

Supporting Detail: _____

Supporting Detail: _____

Clincher: _____

Body #3

Topic Sentence: _____

Supporting Detail: _____

Supporting Detail: _____

Supporting Detail: _____

Clincher: _____

Conclusion

Restate Thesis: _____

Most Significant/Important: _____

Why? : _____

Call to action/Final Clincher: _____

Prewriting: Short Story

Introduction: Describe main characters & setting.

Rising Action: Describe the main problem and how it gets worse.

Climax: Describe what happens when the problem is at its worst.

Falling Action: Describe what happens as a result of the climax.

Resolution: Describe how the story ends.

BIOGRAPHY WORKSHEET

Name: _____

Why is this person important?

What were his/her accomplishments?

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Birth Information

When: _____
Where: _____
Mom: _____
Dad: _____
Siblings: _____

Name of Person:

Quote:

Important event #1: _____

Important event #2: _____

Personal Information/Facts

1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8.

BUILDING AN ARGUMENT

Main Idea

Here's what I think...

Evidence to back up my REASONS

An empty oval shape intended for writing evidence to support the reasons.

An empty oval shape intended for writing evidence to support the reasons.

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Here are my **REASONS!**

1.

Two horizontal lines for writing the first reason.

2.

Two horizontal lines for writing the second reason.

3.

Two horizontal lines for writing the third reason.

COUNTER ARGUMENTS

You **COULD** argue that...

Three horizontal lines for writing counter arguments.

...but here's the

WEAKNESS...

Five horizontal lines for writing the weakness.



STRONG FINISH!

Three horizontal lines for writing a strong finish.

WRITING PAPERS

Steps for writing a research paper

Step 1

- Find a topic
- Make sure there is enough, reliable information available
- Begin reading through available resources
- Revisit your topic and adjust as needed

Step 2

- Decide which information is important to your paper
- Create a preliminary outline (it may change as you learn more)

Step 3

- Take notes from your sources
- Use note cards or other type of notetaking
- Include quotes and stats that are important

Step 4

- Revisit your Outline
- Group your notes by topic and see if your groupings make sense.
- Change outline as needed

Step 5

- Write your rough draft
- Write the intro and be sure to include your thesis and the roadmap of your paper

Step 6

- Edit your paper
- Edit for content first. Does your paper do what it said it would do?
- Edit for organization. Does your order make sense?
- Edit for grammar and punctuation

Step 7

- Format your Citations (MLA) or References (APA)
- Look online for proper formatting

RESEARCH PAPER OUTLINE

I. Introduction

- A. Thesis**
- B. Main Points**

II. Topic A

- A. Introduction**
- B. Topic Support Paragraphs**
- C. Conclusion**

III. Topic B

- A. Introduction**
- B. Topic Support Paragraphs**
- C. Conclusion**

IV. Topic C

- A. Introduction**
- B. Topic Support Paragraphs**
- C. Conclusion**

V. Conclusion

VI. Works Cited (MLS) or References (APA)

Literary Term Definitions

Term	Definition

