ESSAY HELPER   
Your essay is a structured piece of writing in response to a question. It will be written in 3rd person.   
  
*After you have planned your contention and argument, use this document to help you write your essay.*

**2. BODY PARAGRAPH 1:**   
Follow **TEEL** to support your first argument.

Your essay will look like this when it is finished.

**USE TEEL to structure your body paragraphs.**   
  
T: Write a **topic sentence** that introduces your argument. It should have the TOPIC (from the question) and a MAIN IDEA (from your argument).   
  
E: Provide some **evidence** this is a quote from the novel that supports your argument.   
  
E: **Explain** the meaning behind the quote and how it supports your argument.  
  
L: **Link** your explanation back to your argument and the contention of your essay.   
  
**\*\*\*** Remember this is one paragraph, so there should be no gaps, blank lines or subheadings.

**5. YOUR CONCLUSION:**  
- Make your contention clear.   
- Explain how your arguments tie together to support your contention.

- Explain what moral/message/ideas the author was trying to send the reader, in relation to the ideas presented in the essay question.

**4. BODY PARAGRAPH 3:**Follow **TEEL** to support your third argument.

**3. BODY PARAGRAPH 2:**   
Follow **TEEL** to support your second argument.

**1. YOUR INTRODUCTION:   
Step 1:** Introduce the text, the author, and your contention of your essay in one sentence.   
**Step 2:** Include one sentence of basic background knowledge or key themes of the text that relate to the question  
**Step 3:** Argument for Paragraph 1

**Step 4:** Argument for Paragraph 2   
**Step 5:** Argument for Paragraph 3   
**Step 6:** Link your ideas back to the original question by stating your contention (and the author’s point of view if you want to push yourself).