

# Expository Research/Term Paper Format

## Introduction Paragraph:

- Start with questions/comments/facts/quotes about/from the novel/book/topic.
- Describe/talk about/discuss a common theme in the novel.
- Write your Thesis Statement. This is your main idea about the theme.
- At the end of your thesis statement, add three or more arguments that support your thesis statement.

## Body Paragraph 1:

- Use an “order/transition” word: “first of all, firstly, to open.”
- Repeat the *first argument* and your thesis in the first sentence (Topic Sentence)
- Give *supporting evidence* from the novel by summarizing or paraphrasing information and using quotes. Make sure you include page numbers for everything you use that is not in your own words.

## Body Paragraph 2:

- Use an “order/transition” word: “second of all, secondly, next.”
- Repeat the *second argument* and your thesis in the first sentence (Topic Sentence)
- Give *supporting evidence* from the novel by summarizing or paraphrasing information and using quotes. Make sure you include page numbers for everything you use that is not in your own words.

## Body Paragraph 3:

- Use an “order/transition” word: “third of all, thirdly, also, in addition.”
- Repeat the *third argument* and your thesis in the first sentence (Topic Sentence)
- Give *supporting evidence* from the novel by summarizing or paraphrasing information and using quotes. Make sure you include page numbers for everything you use that is not in your own words.

## Additional Body Paragraphs if you need:

Use the same format as the first three body paragraphs.

## Conclusion Paragraph:

- Tell us something interesting about the theme/your thesis/your arguments. (interesting facts/results)
- Use a solid quote that completely supports your thesis.
- Restate your “Thesis Statement.”