The Essay That Writes Itself

The organizer below provides an outline for sentences that you *should* include. This is the minimum. You should feel free to elaborate and include multi-sentence explanations, especially in your body paragraphs. The only stipulation to the previous sentence, however, is that your thesis, topic sentences, and restatement of thesis are ONLY ONE SENTENCE MAXIMUM.

**How to Use the Organizer:**

1. Write your thesis. This tells me exactly how you feel about your topic and what you’re going to prove. It is exactly ONE (GRAMMATICALLY CORRECT) SENTENCE LONG. No more, no less.
2. Write all of your topic sentences for your body paragraphs. These sentences should be your three main supporting points in ascending order (strong point, stronger point, and strongest point).
3. Choose your supporting quotes. Make note of where you found them for later.
4. Fill in the context and evidence for each quote.
5. Write your transition sentences.
6. Write the introduction of your topic.
7. Write the introduction to relevant characters.
8. Introduce your literary works.
9. Write your hook.
10. Restate your thesis in ONE (GRAMMATICALLY CORRECT) SENTENCE.
11. Review your three points in one single sentence.
12. Write your clincher (it should make reference to your hook to bookend your paper nicely).
13. Go write your essay using your outline.
14. MLA format your paper.
15. Proof read.
16. Proof read again.
17. Proof read again.
18. Proof read again.
19. Repeat steps 15 – 18 as necessary.
20. Hand in your paper.
21. Put your feet up because you successfully rocked a killer literary essay like a boss.

Catchy Title:

1. Introductory Paragraph
   1. Hook:
   2. Introduce literary work(s) used:
   3. Intro relevant characters:
   4. Introduce topic:
   5. Thesis:
2. Body Paragraph # 1
   1. Topic Sentence (Point #1):
   2. Context for quote/Evidence:
   3. Integrated Quote:
   4. Evidence/Explanation:
   5. Wrap Up/Transition:
3. Body Paragraph # 2
   1. Topic Sentence (Point #2):
   2. Context for quote/Evidence:
   3. Integrated Quote:
   4. Evidence/Explanation:
   5. Wrap Up/Transition:
4. Body Paragraph # 3
   1. Topic Sentence (Point #3):
   2. T Context for quote/Evidence:
   3. Integrated Quote:
   4. Evidence/Explanation:
   5. Wrap Up/Transition:
5. Conclusion
   1. Restatement of Thesis:
   2. Review of Three Points:
   3. Clincher: