Blank Sentence Outline for Literary Analysis + Research Essay

Instructions: A sentence outline identifies the main and supporting arguments, presenting them in full sentences. Below each supporting argument is a space for your notes about what evidence from the texts you will use, including material from the outside source(s). Provide enough notes so you know and can find what you are looking for: the general examples (characters and other textual elements) and where exactly it comes from (in what text and where in that text).

PART 1: YOUR FOCUS AND MATERIALS

Your Topic: ____________________________

The Texts: ____________________________

The Literary Criticism: ____________________________

The Prompt: ____________________________

The 3-5 Sources:

1. A source about one or more of the texts
   MLA Works Cited Citation:

2. A source about the context of one or more of the texts
   MLA Works Cited Citation:

3. A source about the literary criticism
   MLA Works Cited Citation:

4. Optional additional source
   MLA Works Cited Citation:

5. Optional additional source
   MLA Works Cited Citation:
PART 2: THE OUTLINE

1. **The Claim** (main argument):

   a. **Reason #1**:

   i. Evidence:

   b. **Reason #2**:

   i. Evidence:

   c. **Reason #3**:

   i. Evidence:
d. **Reason #4:**

   i. **Evidence:**

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  e. **Reason #5:**

   i. **Evidence:**

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  f. **Reason #6:**

   i. **Evidence:**

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  g. **Reason #7:**

   i. **Evidence:**

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h. **Reason #8:**

i. **Evidence:**

j. **Reason #9:**

i. **Evidence:**

k. **Reason #10:**

i. **Evidence:**

l. **Reason #11:**

i. **Evidence:**
1. **Reason #12:** 

   i. **Evidence:** 

   Evidence that seems important but you aren’t sure where it belongs:

   Ideas for other possible reasons/paragraphs:

   Evidence that seems important but you aren’t sure where it belongs: