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**Literary Analysis for Outside Reading:**

**ASSIGNMENT: In a *three-paragraph essay*, answer the questions:**

***How does your outside reading book relate to our world today?***

***How does it relate to you?***

**Then choose *one main technique* this author uses to help the reader to understand your thesis. Be sure to *create a thesis that answers the questions and relates to your book and use specific examples from the book to prove your answer*. Use citations in parentheses for these specific examples from the book. [Author’s last name page number(s)]**

**OUTLINE for your Literary Analysis:**

I. **Introduction Paragraph:**

A. Include the title of your outside reading book and author’s name and identify:

1. Fiction? Non-fiction book?

2. Genre: realistic fiction? Science fiction? Fantasy? Mystery? Memoir?

B. Background information:

1. One or two sentences that briefly summarizes the book that hints at your

central focus or thesis.

2. One sentence that transitions or connects to your thesis statement.

C. Your thesis statement includes:

1. *Answers to the questions* [Choose one that is easy to understand or see.]

2. One *MAJOR technique* that helps to explain or describe this focus. [Be sure

to choose the technique that has many examples in the book.]

II. **Body Paragraph:**

A. Explain your answer to the questions:

1. Explain in your own words.

2. Give specific examples from the book.

a.) Choose examples from the book by using direct quotes.

b.) Cite your examples (Author’s last name page number or numbers).

B. How does the author get the reader to understand this central purpose---what

technique is used?

1. Explain in your own words.

2. Use specific examples from the book.

a.) Use direct quotes to prove your ideas.

b.) Cite your examples with author’s last name and page numbers.

III. **Conclusion Paragraph:**

A. Summarize your thesis (author’s central purpose and one major technique used to

explain or show that purpose).

B. Be sure to include the major examples used in different language.

C. What did you learn? How will you use this information?

***Your thesis statement that answers: how does this book relate to you and our world today and one major technique:***

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