|  | **Paragraph 1- Introduction** |
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| **Attention Grabber Opener:**  Question or big idea about the book or the world. Hook your reader! |  |
| **Bridge:**   * Briefly retell what the story is about story #1 is about. Include the title & author. * Briefly retell what story #2 is about. Include the title & author. |  |
| **Thesis Statement:**  The point you want to prove. The main idea of your essay that you will continually refer back to throughout your essay. |  |

|  | **Paragraph 2 - Body** |
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| **Point 1:**  State your first reason to support your thesis statement. |  |
| **Retell:**  Explain the scenes in more detail in your own words.  **Text Evidence:**  Quote from the book that supports your reason.  **Citation:**  Author’s last name & page #  Ex: (Inzerillo, 5)  **Retell:**  Explain the scenes in more detail in your own words.  **Text Evidence:**  Quote from the book that supports your reason.  **Citation:**  Author’s last name & page #  Ex: (Inzerillo, 5) | **Story #1**  **Story #2** |
| **Explanation:**  Tell how these scenes & quotes prove your thesis statement to be true. |  |

|  | **Paragraph 3 - Body** |
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| **Point 2:**  State your first reason to support your thesis statement. |  |
| **Retell:**  Explain the scenes in more detail in your own words.  **Text Evidence:**  Quote from the book that supports your reason.  **Citation:**  Author’s last name & page #  Ex: (Inzerillo, 5)  **Retell:**  Explain the scenes in more detail in your own words.  **Text Evidence:**  Quote from the book that supports your reason.  **Citation:**  Author’s last name & page #  Ex: (Inzerillo, 5) | **Story #1**  **Story #2** |
| **Explanation:**  Tell how these scenes & quotes prove your thesis statement to be true. |  |

|  | **Paragraph 4 - Body** |
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| **Point 3:**  State your first reason to support your thesis statement. |  |
| **Retell:**  Explain the scenes in more detail in your own words.  **Text Evidence:**  Quote from the book that supports your reason.  **Citation:**  Author’s last name & page #  Ex: (Inzerillo, 5)  **Retell:**  Explain the scenes in more detail in your own words.  **Text Evidence:**  Quote from the book that supports your reason.  **Citation:**  Author’s last name & page #  Ex: (Inzerillo, 5) | **Story #1**  **Story #2** |
| **Explanation:**  Tell how these scenes & quotes prove your thesis statement to be true. |  |

|  | **Paragraph 5 - Conclusion** |
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| **Reveal new thinking:**  What did this book or character teach you?  What can you say about the world?  What’s the moral or lesson of the books?  Restate your thesis in different words.  Tie up how both stories are connected. |  |