**The Body Paragraph**

**Claim/Topic Sentence**

* Must be proven; cannot be a fact from the novel.
* Must limit wasteful words; should read as a thoughtful selection of diction to create insight

**Evidence**

* Details from the novel.
* Can be quoted material.
* Evidence should mostly be sequentially arranged, spanning the whole novel if possible.

**Reasoning**

* Link evidence to the claim

**Counter/alternative possibilities**

* Suggest what might have happened if the expected occurred. For example, if Jack and his tribe did not leave the fire in Chapter 4, they might have been rescued.

**Synthesis**

* Close the paragraph by linking the ideas of the paragraph to your thesis and the meaning of the book as a whole.