Essay Structure

# Planning

1. Write out the question
2. First point of your answer
3. Second point of your answer
4. Third point of your answer

# Sentence by sentence guide to your essay

## Introduction

1. Start with a quotation from the text that directly relates to this question. This will be exact words within quotation marks. Indicate whose words they are. Briefly explain how this relates to the question.
2. Rephrase the question to show that you understand it.
3. What is this text called? Who wrote it?
4. Briefly mention your three main points. Refer to specific names and events from the text in these points.
5. Provide a brief explanation of your answer to this essay question.

## Paragraph One

1. Topic sentence – Clearly state your first point. This is not an example from the text but a statement that answers the essay question. Write plainly.

2. Evidence – describe specific events from this story that support your first point. This should include a brief quotation (exact words from the text).

3. Explain – Explain to the reader why your evidence proves your first point. Make this link absolutely clear to the reader.

4. Link – explain how the point you are making in this paragraph answers this essay question.

## Paragraph Two

1. Topic sentence – Clearly state your second point. This is not an example from the text but a statement that answers the essay question. Write plainly.

2. Evidence – describe specific events from this story that support your second point. This should include a brief quotation (exact words from the text).

3. Explain – Explain to the reader why your evidence proves your second point. Make this link absolutely clear to the reader.

4. Link – explain how the point you are making in this paragraph answers this essay question.

## Paragraph Three

1. Topic sentence – Clearly state your third point. This is not an example from the text but a statement that answers the essay question. Write plainly.

2. Evidence – describe specific events from this story that support your third point. This should include a brief quotation (exact words from the text).

3. Explain – Explain to the reader why your evidence proves your third point. Make this link absolutely clear to the reader.

4. Link – explain how the point you are making in this paragraph answers this essay question.

## Conclusion

1. Restate the question.

2. Briefly repeat the three main points of your answer.

3. Finish with a summary statement that expresses your answer in context of this text.