

ENGL 273G - Art of Fiction

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Group Thesis/Paragraph Writing Exercise

This exercise will take us through the first few steps of writing a thesis and one of the argumentative paragraphs in a paper. Accomplish with 1 or 2 partners.

Step 1. Decide upon a topic. What is the main theme, idea, or characteristic that we want to highlight in our paper?

Step 2. Decide upon an argument about this topic. What do I think about this topic? What do I want to tell others about it? What is important about it? Write one sentence that says what you want to argue for in your "paper."

Step 3. Decide upon 3 reasons that what you are going to argue about your theme/topic/etc. proves that you are correct. List them in the order of importance. Do the arguments build upon each other?

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Step 4. Choose one of these 3 reasons as the topic for your paragraph.

Step 5. Find a scene that you believe shows this reason.

Step 6. Find a quote in the scene that shows the main point of the scene:
