

- I. 1st Paragraph – Introduction
 - A. Pull-in Sentence:
 1. Have you ever read a story that has stuck with you? Then explain. **OR**
 2. Use a quote from the story. **OR** Some combination of these
 - B. Introduce the name of the story and author. “The story I read was “Story” by “Author.”
 - C. Briefly describe what is interesting about the story. The story is “interesting” in many ways such as ...
 - D. Thesis Statement – must be last sentence of this paragraph.
 1. A “dynamic” main character and a “gripping” conflict make “The Sniper” an exciting story.
- II. 2nd Paragraph – Body Paragraph – Story Summary
 - A. Topic Sentence: “The Sniper” is an “adjective” and “adjective” story.
 - B. Introduce the main characters
 - C. Introduce the setting – use specific details
 - D. Write a short summary of the story. All important details must be discussed.
- III. 3rd Paragraph – Body Paragraph – Main Character Analysis
 - A. Topic Sentence – The main character in “The Sniper” is an unnamed sniper in the Irish Republican Army.
 - B. Give a brief physical description of the main character. Use more than 1 sentence.
 - C. Identify 1st Characteristic of main character – A specific adjective
 - D. Prove it with at least 2 facts or quotes from the story that support the characteristic.
 - E. Identify 2nd Characteristic of main character – A specific adjective
 - F. Prove it with at least 2 facts or quotes from the story that support the characteristic.
 - G. Tell why you liked/dislike the character – what did you find interesting.
- IV. 4th Paragraph – Body paragraph – Conflict focus
 - A. Topic Sentence – In addition to a strong main character, “The Sniper” has a powerful example of (external/internal) conflict. This conflict is man vs. _____. The conflict involves (characters)
 - B. How does this conflict affect the main character? Prove it with a quote.
 - C. How does this conflict make the story interesting? Prove it with a quote.
 - D. How is the conflict resolved? Use a quote about the resolution of the conflict.
 - E. Clincher – As you can see, the conflict in “The Sniper” makes it a strong story.
- V. 5th Paragraph – Conclusion Paragraph
 - A. Topic Sentence – In conclusion, “The Sniper” is an excellent story due to “adjective” characters and “adjective” conflict.
 - B. How did the story make you feel?
 - C. What did you learn from the main character?
 - D. Clincher – Should motivate the reader to read the story.