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## A Literary Essay

**Introductory Paragraph:** States the name of the story, the author, and a summary. It also lists the theme, or big idea of the story.

**2nd Paragraph (body):** First specific point that connects to the theme from the story. Quote the relevant text that supports the theme. (Use transitional phrases.)  
Explain or elaborate.

**3rd Paragraph (body):** Second specific point that connects to the theme from the story. Quote the relevant text that supports the theme. (Use transitional phrases.)  
Explain or elaborate.

**4th Paragraph (body):** Third specific point that connects to the theme from the story. Quote the relevant text that supports the theme. (Use transitional phrases.)  
Explain or elaborate.

**Conclusion:** Restate the theme, connecting it to the character. Connect the theme to the real world. Make a personal connection. Call to action! Show the issue matters to the real world.