**Directions:** Follow each step below to write an academic paragraph on the theme of the story you are reading. Each step has a sentence frame you can use to help you write the paragraph completely.

**Step One:** **Write a topic sentence**. **Complete the following sentence frame using your information:**

In \_(authors first and last name)\_’s novel (title of text) the three most significant thematic topics are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Step Two: Use context to integrate your concrete details. Use these sentence frames:**

The first thematic topic is evident when \_(introduce passage using context)\_ . \_\_(Name of character/narrator)\_\_\_ says/describes/states, “\_\_(passage/evidence of first thematic topic)\_\_\_” (Author #).

The second thematic topic is evident when \_(introduce passage using context)\_ . \_\_(Name of character/narrator)\_\_\_ says/describes/states, “\_\_(passage/evidence of first thematic topic)\_\_\_” (Author #).

The third thematic topic is evident when \_(introduce passage using context)\_ . \_\_(Name of character/narrator)\_\_\_ says/describes/states, “\_\_(passage/evidence of first thematic topic)\_\_\_” (Author #).

**Step Three: Synthesize the information. Based on the major thematic topics in the story, what do you think the author’s message is? Because you have not read the whole story, this is a prediction, but a prediction based on evidence from your reading.**

By exploring the topics of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_(author’s last name)\_\_\_\_\_\_conveys the message that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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