Literature Circle Burning Question Paper

Name: ______________________________

Book: ___________________________________

Number of Pages: ____________

1. Introduction

Set up your Introduction as follows:

• Use an interesting lead or hook
• Give the reader a general description/overview/main idea or summary of your novel
  (remember: pretend they are clueless)

TRANSITION INTO your thesis statement:
• The Burning Question of the novel ____________________________ by
  ____________________________ was ______________________________. The novel proved/
disproved the question to be
  true/untrue ____________________________, ____________________________, and
  ____________________________.

2. Body

Your job is to relate or explain how events/characters show/prove the Burning Question to be
ture/untrue.

SO basically, give your opinion on how the story answered the Burning Question.

USE: Character’s experience, examples from the plot, AND quotes/dialogue.

Make sure to explain, or summarize, for the reader how and why this evidence is important to
understanding the Burning Question of your novel. Why does it prove your question true?

For example:

If your question had to do with having courage, you would use your body paragraph to explain how
courage was shown or exemplified by the actions of the characters and/or events in the plot.
Then, relate these examples to your group’s ideas and discussions of what was meant by the
question. Make sure to provide a quote as evidence that supports what you are saying!

Your body paragraph should:
• Use 3 different situations from the story to explain how the Burning Question was shown/
exemplified.
• Explain the situation/event (summarize what happened) and
• Provide a direct quote for each of the three situations as evidence (italicize quotes)
• Make sure it’s obvious it’s a quote (format properly, italicize, use quotation marks)
• Use specific naming nouns, avoid pronouns! Make sure to capitalize them!
• Refer to the author’s writing by using the author’s last name.
• Use 4 different writing techniques of your choice.
3. Conclusion
Set up your conclusion as follows:

- Restate thesis in different words (thus coming full circle)
- Restate the book’s Burning Question, summarize your thoughts (or the group’s thoughts) regarding the BQ
- Find a final, relatable thought to end on

Leave the reader with a final thought or figure out a way to provide closure so your paper doesn’t suddenly just end. And please, no “THANK YOU FOR READING MY PAPER”s.

After you’ve finished, reread what you have written:
Make sure you have:
- an intro, body, and conclusion (3 paragraph format)
- italicized your quotes
- underlined and labeled FOUR writing techniques
- followed typing guidelines, including a heading and title.

Writing Technique Used:

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2. _________________________________ (name of writing technique)
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