



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 **true/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 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 its 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:



1. _____ (name of writing technique)

2. _____ (name of writing technique)

3. _____ (name of writing technique)

4. _____ (name of writing technique)
