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The Literary Analysis Paragraph Outline

1. **Topic Sentence/Claim** (this is what you are arguing and should answer in a complete sentence your response to the prompt. It should be 1-2 sentences):

2. **Evidence/Support** (this is your 1st piece of evidence form the text. Use one of the sentence starters from the handout. Don't forget quotation marks around anything that is word for word from the text and you **MUST** cite all evidence. See the paragraph writing handout for the citation reminder.):

3. **Evidence /Support** (this is your 2nd piece of evidence form the text. Use one of the sentence starters from the handout. Also, use a transition word to help you bridge between your 1st piece and your second piece of evidence. For example, "In addition..." or "Another passage from the text states....."):

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4. **Analysis/Elaboration of Evidence** (this is where you show the reader why the piece of evidence support and prove your claim. Use the sentence starters from the handout to help you. Remember, these are your words explaining to the reader how the text supports your education opinion about the topic-in our case, Mr.Peter's decision to return Leita to a swan.):

5. **Concluding Sentence** (Almost done! Now you need to wrap up your paragraph. Stay focused on your topic sentence. Don't wander off on a new idea. Restate your argument and sum up your evidence. Use those closing words like "therefore..." or "As a result...."):

GOOD!

Now we just need to take this and move it onto a fresh piece of paper. Use the **Six Traits of Writing Checklist** before typing it. I want a **professional, high-quality paragraph!** If you think your spelling may be incorrect, it probably is. Use the dictionary and other resources provided to you to **turn in your best work!** We will be typing these in class.

