

What Is the Author's Message?

Plan your 3 to 4-paragraph essay below. Use this page to organize your ideas before writing.

NAME _____

DATE _____

BOOK TITLE _____

Paragraph 1 Introduction

Hook sentence — grab the reader's attention (an interesting fact, question, or idea)

Write your hook here...

Background — title of the book and the author's name

The book _____ by _____ is about...

Thesis statement — state the author's message in your own words

The author's message is that...

Paragraph 2 Body — First piece of evidence

Topic sentence (what is this paragraph about?)

One example from the book that shows the author's message is...

Evidence — a detail, event, or quote from the book

In the book, the author writes / shows that...

Explanation — why does this evidence support the author's message? (explain in your own words)

This shows the author's message because...

Paragraph 3 Body — Second piece of evidence

Topic sentence (another example from the book)

Another example that shows the author's message is...

Evidence — a different detail, event, or quote

The author also writes / shows that...

Explanation — why does this evidence support the author's message?

This also shows the author's message because...

Conclusion Wrap Up — Restating your ideas

Restate your thesis (say the message again, but with different words)

The author wants readers to know that...

Connection to the world — why does this message matter to people?

This message is important because in real life...

VOCABULARY HELPERS — TRANSITION WORDS

Introduce: One example... / First... / To begin... | Add more: Another example... / Also... / In addition... | Wrap up: In conclusion... / Overall... / In the end...

Write your essay below. Use your graphic organizer from page 1 to help you.

1 Paragraph 1 — Introduction

HOOK

Start with something interesting to grab the reader's attention.

BACKGROUND

Name the book and the author. Briefly explain the plot.

State the author's message. The author's message is that...

2 Paragraph 2 — First piece of evidence

TOPIC

Name your first example. One example that shows the author's message is...

Give a detail, event, or quote from the book.

Add more detail if needed (or skip if you have enough).

Explain why this shows the author's message. This shows the author's message because...

3 Paragraph 3 — Second piece of evidence

TOPIC

Name your second example. Another example that shows the author's message is...

Give a different detail, event, or quote from the book.

Add more detail if needed.

Explain why this shows the author's message. This also shows the author's message because...

C Conclusion — Wrap it up

RESTATE

Restate the author's message using different words. In conclusion, the author wants readers to know that...

Explain why this shows the author's message. This also shows the author's message because...
