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How to Write a Critical Lens Body Paragraph

Copy the quote you are using and who said or wrote it here. You aren't going to do this before each body paragraph, but until you write the Introduction it will help keep you focused.

Paragraph 1

1. Restate your interpretation of the quote. DO NOT use “This quote means...” or “I think...”
2. “In the (short story, poem, novel, etc.) [enter the title] the author uses (conflict, theme, characterization, symbolism, foreshadowing, irony) to support this idea.”
3. Now explain TWO SPECIFIC examples of that literary element. Use transition words (Another example...).
4. Explain how these examples support your interpretation of the quote. “These examples support the idea that (insert your interpretation of the quote) because (explain HOW).”
5. Write a concluding sentence that connects your examples to your interpretation of the quote. For example, “This is how the author uses [literary element] in [work of literature] to support the idea that [your interpretation of the quote].”

