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Assignment, task word, and grading requirements

Topic and focused question

Working thesis or main idea

Main point 1 and supporting evidence

Main point 2 and supporting evidence

Main point 3, if needed, and supporting evidence

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Opening and Ending Planner

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Opening situation or context

Background the reader needs

Connection to the main claim

Ending that follows the body's analysis

Significance without new unsupported evidence

Completed Source Example

Study this example, then use the blank pages for your own sources.

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Source: AuthZ, “The Empty Chair,” high-school chapter 3, paragraph 3.

QUOTE: “She kept one hand on the chair until he sat down.”

PARAPHRASE: Mina maintains contact with the seat while the student accepts her invitation and sits.

MY ANALYSIS: The gesture may suggest hesitation alongside willingness to connect.

LIMIT: Her feelings are not stated, and no later hand movement is described.

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