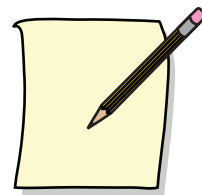


Literary Argument Writing: Selecting Your Topic

Title of book I'll be writing about: _____

Author: _____



In the space below, list **words, lines, ideas,** and **phrases** that stand out from the story that you will be writing about.

Can you write **powerful quotes** or **important parts** of the story?

What **themes** are reflected in the story (friendship, forgiveness, struggle, inclusion, courage, etc.)?



Revisit your notes in the previous sections. What connections do you see in these ideas and details? Can you draw any conclusions or make any statements about the story, the events in the story, or any of the characters?

Optional sentence frames:

I notice that _____
_____ and _____
are both struggling with _____.

Now, it's time to select a topic for our literary argument. You are going to make a claim about one of the main characters in the story.

What evidence-based claims would these patterns allow you to make about the text? What conclusion can you draw from the text that you could then support with evidence from the text?

Optional sentence frames:

- (A struggle in the story) caused (the main character) to change (in this way).
- (Character) did (action) because (reason).
- The main theme of this story is (theme, like friendship, hard work, courage, etc.)

