

# Interpretive Essay

## DRAFTING

The best way to organize an essay is to complete an outline before you begin writing. The following is a basic framework for an interpretive essay.

- **Introduction:** Start with an attention-grabbing statement. Then identify the work of literature you will be discussing and state your thesis.
- **Body:** Discuss key literary elements, provide evidence for each element, and use transitions to connect ideas.
- **Conclusion:** Restate your thesis, summarize your main points, discuss how the work of literature relates to broader themes or life experiences.

**Directions:** Use the graphic organizers to help you organize your essay.

Organizing Your Interpretive Essay

Introduction:

Body:

Conclusion: