English 10H – Victorian Literature ORB analysis exercise

Using the book that you just read, you will consider and complete tasks that relate to a series of different essay prompts. Use these tasks to:

1. Think about how best to organize and present information in an essay.
2. Demonstrate your solid understanding of the ORB that you just finished.

Part One:

WRITING PROMPT: Often in works of literature, a character learns an important lesson. From a work of literature you have read in or out of school, select a character who learns a lesson about one of the ideas listed below.

• compassion

• forgiveness

• perseverance

• truth

In a well-developed composition, identify the character, describe how he or she learns the lesson, and explain how the lesson is important to the work as a whole.

**Your Task: Write a claim and outline that you could use if you were writing an essay about your ORB using this prompt. Use the essay outline on the back of this sheet to guide your outline.**

Part Two:

WRITING PROMPT Often in works of literature, a character takes part in a great battle, either literally or figuratively. From a work of literature you have read in or out of school, select a character who takes part in either a literal or a figurative battle. In a well-developed composition, identify the character, describe the battle the character takes part in and what happens as a result, and explain how the character’s experience is important to the work as a whole.

**Your Task: Write a claim and outline that you could use if you were writing an essay about your ORB using this prompt. Use the essay outline on the back of this sheet to guide your outline.**

**Pick ONE of the body paragraphs to write out in its entirety. Clearly label the paragraph.**

Part Three:

Often in works of literature, a character confronts a threatening environment or situation. From a work of literature you have read in or out of school, select a character who confronts a threatening environment or situation. In a well-developed composition, identify the character, describe the threatening environment or situation the character confronts, and explain how the character’s experience is important to the work as a whole.

**Your Task: Write an opening paragraph that you could use to start an essay on this topic. End your paragraph with a clearly articulated claim that identifies the examples that you will (would) use in the essay.**

**Essay Format Outline**

1. Introductory paragraph
   1. general introductory sentence
   2. introduce book (author and title) and give brief background (2-3 sentences)
   3. claim (restate question) and 3 topics you will use to support your claim (1 sentence)
2. Body paragraph #1
   1. topic sentence (claim + description of first topic)
      1. developmental detail #1(fact, quote, or example)
      2. analysis of developmental detail #1 (why is this relevant?)
      3. developmental detail #2(fact, quote, or example)
      4. analysis of developmental detail #2 (why is this relevant?)
      5. developmental detail #3(fact, quote, or example)
      6. analysis of developmental detail #3 (why is this relevant?)
   2. concluding sentence (sum it up and tie back to the claim)
3. Body paragraph #2
   1. topic sentence (claim + description of second topic)
      1. developmental detail #1(fact, quote, or example)
      2. analysis of developmental detail #1 (why is this relevant?)
      3. developmental detail #2(fact, quote, or example)
      4. analysis of developmental detail #2 (why is this relevant?)
      5. developmental detail #3(fact, quote, or example)
      6. analysis of developmental detail #3 (why is this relevant?)
   2. concluding sentence (sum it up and tie back to the claim)
4. Body paragraph #3
   1. topic sentence (claim + description of third topic)
      1. developmental detail #1(fact, quote, or example)
      2. analysis of developmental detail #1 (why is this relevant?)
      3. developmental detail #2(fact, quote, or example)
      4. analysis of developmental detail #2 (why is this relevant?)
      5. developmental detail #3(fact, quote, or example)
      6. analysis of developmental detail #3 (why is this relevant?)
   2. concluding sentence (sum it up and tie back to the claim)
5. Concluding paragraph
   1. restate claim and examples
   2. ties topic to the book as a whole
   3. restate book information
   4. general concluding statement (why is this topic relevant, interesting, or important?)