**“Lamb to the Slaughter”**

**Essay Guide**

**Develop your thesis statement (one sentence mini-outline which is the last sentence of your introductory paragraph.)**

**Firststep:**

**Thesis template:**

**Mary Maloney is a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ character who experiences \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ conflict ,\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ conflict, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ conflict which causes her to change in the story.**

**Second step–**

**Introduction paragraph (first of your paper):**

**This should be four sentences long, at a minimum. Be sure to state the name and author of the story. Give a general overview of the story including a brief description of what happens. End with your thesis statement as you have written above.**

**Type your Introduction in this box.**

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**Third step: Body Paragraph One**

**Focus on your first area of conflict (using the sheet that you have filled out during reading.) Your body paragraph should follow this format:**

**—Topic sentence stating the type of conflict**

**—Quote 1 from your box**

**—Explain how that show that type of conflict**

**—Quote 2 from your box**

**—Explain how that shows that type of conflict**

**—Explain how all this conflict helps Mary Maloney to change**

**\_\_Concluding Sentence**

**Using your outline above and your sheet you completed while reading, type your body paragraph in the box below.**

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**Fourth step:**

**Body Paragraph 2**

**Focus on your second area of conflict (using the sheet that you have filled out during reading.) Your body paragraph should follow this format:**

**—Topic sentence stating the type of conflict**

**—Quote 1 from your box**

**—Explain how that show that type of conflict**

**—Quote 2 from your box**

**—Explain how that shows that type of conflict**

**—Explain how all this conflict helps Mary Maloney to change**

**\_\_Concluding Sentence**

**Using your outline above and your sheet you completed while reading, type your body paragraph in the box below.**

**Body Paragraph 2 (third paragraph of the paper)**

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**Fifth and Final step: concluding paragraph**

**Restate your thesis statement (in different words)**

**Review the main points of the story**

**Leave the reader thinking about how characters change/how conflict contributes to it.**

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***Congratulations! You have written a 4 paragraph essay with quotes in MLA.***