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The Analytical Essay

Six questions to try. Then check your answers on page 2.

Remember

Thesis = arguable + specific · **topic sentences** serve it · **integrate** and **cite** quotes · conclude with **significance**

1 Thesis or topic? **Freedom in the novel**

thesis topic

2 What should a thesis be?

3 What must be cited?

4 Best transition for contrast?

5 Should a conclusion add new evidence?

yes no

6 Upgrade: **The poem is about nature.**

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Answers

1. **topic** — Not arguable yet.

2. **arguable and specific** — It can be debated.

3. **quotes and paraphrased ideas** — Give credit.

4. **However / In contrast** — Signals a turn.

5. **no** — It synthesises.

6. **e.g. The poem presents nature as both healing and dangerous.** — Add a claim.

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