

Essay writing framework

Introduction

Your introduction should include:

- A brief plot summary of *The Gathering*. In particular, make sure that you explain what the organisation The Gathering is.
- A definition of fascism.
- Your thesis statement, that is, your answer to the question. Try to have three different points to support your thesis.

Body: Paragraph 1

- Start with a topic sentence, which states one of your three points from your thesis.
- Explain your topic sentence in more detail.
- Give examples from the novel.
- Support your example with direct quotations from the novel.
- Sum up your point by linking back to your thesis.

Body: Paragraphs 2 and 3

- Repeat as for Body: Paragraph one.

Conclusion

- Summarise the role of fascism in history. You may include a quote about fascism by a historian or other important figure.
- Re-state your thesis.
- Give your evaluation of the novel.