

English 1
Building an Interpretive Essay—Mango Street

Name: _____
Date: _____
Period: _____

Directions: When you must write an essay in a short amount of time, it is often helpful to make an outline to organize your thoughts and ideas. Once you have chosen the interpretive claim you want to write about, use your notes and the Power Point presentations to fill in the following outline.

Introduction:

Point of departure: _____

Interpretive claim/thesis: (Underline the specific ideas from your thesis that you will need to "prove" in the body of your essay) _____

Body:

Evidence: Choose one or more quotations from the novel to support *each* thing that you underlined then explain the quotes *and* how they support your thesis.

Quotation: _____

Explanation: _____

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Explanation: _____

Conclusion: (Jot down any concluding remarks to wrap up your essay):
