WRITING TIPS TO REMEMBER

1. Do not use PLOT DETAILS as TOPIC SETENCES.

A topic sentence should be ONE of the “WHY/HOWs” of your thesis; it should be something you can prove (an inference). This is a “purposeful” topic sentence.

1. Thesis must NOT be just restating the prompt, it must be **provable**.
2. Evidence should be fully explained AND ANALYZED. “This quote shows…”
3. ALWAYS include a **tie-to-thesis** at the end of your body paragraphs.
4. When writing an introduction, include enough background information to explain your thesis, but don’t provide unnecessary amounts of background information.
5. The way to avoid all of these issues is to plan your essay following these steps:
   * 1. Write your thesis
     2. Gather your evidence
     3. Write your topic sentences
     4. Write your tie-to-thesis statements
     5. WRITE YOUR INTRODUCTION AND CONCLUSION LAST
     6. Fill in the rest
     7. Proof-read