

WORLDVIEW ANALYSIS EXPANDED OUTLINE OVERVIEW

How do internal and external factors shape worldview?

Body paragraphs

Essay	Paragraph
Intro	Topic sentence
Body	Evidence & analysis
Conclusion	Closing sentence
Transition b/n paragraphs	Transition b/n ideas

MEAL plan paragraph structure

Main idea / topic sentence (states a point; connects to thesis)

Evidence (textual support)

Analisis (explains how the evidence proves what you think it proves)

Link / closing sentence (explains significance; connects to main assertion)

Expanded outline Instructions

Create a title following these rules:

1. Try to make it interesting
 - Be creative with word choice
 - Use alliteration
 - Allude to another work or use a catchy phrase
2. Keep it concise; avoid unnecessary articles & prepositions
3. Reference the main idea or topic of your essay
4. Be specific by including some or all of the following:
 - Character name
 - Title of work (formatted correctly)
 - Author name

EXAMPLES:

Pretentious Perfection: Challenging Social Convention in The Crucible

All the World's a Stage: The Political Actor and Machiavelli's The Prince

Revise / record your working thesis:

Through her characterization of Nathan Price in The Poisonwood Bible, Barbara Kingsolver illustrates how personal failure and loss can result in an insular worldview.

1. Write your first topic sentence

- * **DON'T** summarize what happens in the book
- * **DO** make a point that connects with your thesis
- * **Basic formula:** (Author) (demonstrates, illustrates, highlights, proves) (the point) through (name character).

MAKE A POINT: Nathan Price's character demonstrates how the trauma of war can impact an individual's worldview.

AVOID SUMMARY: Mr. Price is a character who has been through war.

II. Write your second topic sentence

- * **DON'T** summarize what happens in the book
- * **DO** make a point that connects with your thesis **& with the previous paragraph** (provide a clear transition)

INCLUDE A TRANSITION AND MAKE A POINT:

BASIC: Another factor that plays a role in shaping Price's worldview is religion.

MORE ADVANCED: In addition to demonstrating the impact of war, Kingsolver also highlights religion's role in shaping Price's worldview.

Analysis

- * Evidence shouldn't be plopped down in a paragraph and left to "speak for itself"
- * If you leave your evidence unexplained, your reader may interpret it differently than you intended, and if that happens, your main idea doesn't get the support it needs
- * Your analytical commentary should explain exactly how the evidence you've cited proves what you think it proves

You will be telling your audience

1. **HOW** the quote or example demonstrates the point you are making (in other words, how does this passage represent the idea you wish to convey?)
2. **WHY** the quote or example is significant (for example, what does the passage suggest about human nature or society?) *this is the hardest part, but it is also the most important part in your essay*

A. *(Factor) War and Loss*

Concrete evidence

"They were...marched...emaciated, hallucinating from thirst and racked with malaria, toward a prison camp which few of them ever reached, and fewer survived. Nathan's company died...on the Death March from Bataan...[Nathan] came home with...a suspicion of his own cowardice from which he could never recover. His first words to me were to speak of how fiercely he felt the eye of God upon him" (Kingsolver 197).

Analysis:

This passage shows how Nathan's accidental survival of WWII marks a major turning point in his life. **This event is significant because** it changes Nathan's perspective. He now feels he cannot escape God's judgment.

B. *(Worldview) Contempt for failure*

Concrete evidence

“Nathan felt it had been a mistake to bend his will, in any way, to Africa. To reshape his garden into mounds; to submit to Tata Ndu on the subject of river baptism; to listen at all to Tata Ndu or even the rantings of Mama Tataba. It had all been a test of Nathan’s strength, and God was displeased with the outcome. He would not fail again” (Kingsolver 97).

Analysis:

This passage shows that, years after the war, Nathan Price is still trying to make up for his cowardice by proving his worth to God. **This is significant because** it shows how Nathan’s fear of failure clouds his judgment. He is unable to appreciate other people’s perspectives because he cannot see beyond himself/his fear of failure.

LINK/CLOSING SENTENCE

***Connects the example to the essay’s main idea (the thesis) and states a global significance**

War’s negative impact on Nathan’s psyche demonstrates how, when it comes to worldview development and transformation, traumatic experiences can limit an individual’s perspective and his ability to find common ground with others.