Topic Outlines

1. Use the headings from your research to create a list.
2. Look for similarities that exist between the ideas in the list – your objective is to find three topics.

Some topics include

1. the main idea of the story – like revenge
2. symbolism
3. characters
4. setting
5. tone
6. ambiguity
7. etc.
8. Each of these topics should become a roman numeral.
9. Symbolism
10. Characters
11. Setting
12. Underneath these topics, you’ll include more detail from your original headings.
13. Symbolism
14. Rose
15. Mask
16. Characters
17. Bob
18. Robert
19. Other Literary Techniques
20. Tone
21. Ambiguity
22. Setting
23. If you want to break it down even more you can, but this is all I’m requiring.
24. Notice that this outline does not include your introduction or conclusion. This is more college appropriate. It is not always necessary to outline these two elements, since it is taken for granted that these elements will be a part of your paper.
25. Please make sure to write your thesis statement at the top of your outline.