

Introduction (Your 1st Paragraph)

Attention Getter (2-3 Sentences) – See G-7 on How to Start Your Essay

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Connect to Topics in your Thesis (1-2 sentences) - Explain why this fact, quote, story, observation, etc. is important connecting it to the topics you will be writing about. Do not talk about the specific characters or events in the text yet.

I was afraid of driving. Eventually though, with my parents’ encouragement and practice, my fear went away and I learned to love it and the freedom it gave me.

Transition to Text - Describe how the book you are writing about also deals with the *topics* you have just discussed without talking about specific characters

The Bean Trees by Barbara Kingsolver, also deals with the topics of facing fears and finding freedom.

Short Summary of the Book: Write 1-2 sentences describing what the book is about introducing the characters you will be **mostly writing about** in your essay (briefly explain who they are and their relationship to each other).

This story is about a young woman, Taylor, who gains freedom with her first car because it is what allows her to leave her hometown of Pittman County and start a new life for herself. She ends up in Arizona with two flat tires, no job or friends and a child she picks up along the way trying to make it on her own. But to do this, she has fears of her own she must face.

Thesis: 1 sentence that identifies what you are trying to prove

In *The Bean Trees*, the motif tires helps to convey the theme that with the support of others, we are able to begin new lives with new opportunities and with help, even overcome our fears.

Your 1st & Last Name

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“A Unique Title”

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Indent and start your 1st body paragraph after your introduction. You should have a total of **FIVE** paragraphs. Your introduction (like the paragraph above), three body paragraphs, and a conclusion.

