**TOPIC SENTENCE –** In Romeo and Juliet, death occurs because many of the characters are unable to let go of the family feud.

**POINT 1** – Tybalt’s hatred of the Montagues causes him to act irrationally with deadly consequences.

**PROOF 1** – “I am for you” (III,i,79)

**COMMENT 1 –** The comment is the THINKING part of the essay. It is in this comment that YOU explain how the quotation you are using proves the point you’ve created, which ultimately helps to prove the topic sentence.

Despite the fact that Lord Capulet tells Tybalt to leave Romeo alone, Tybalt goes after him anyway. In his anger, he chooses not to listen and so, both he and Mercutio die.

**POINT 2** – Paris’ death is caused by his attempt to defend the Capulet family honour even though he is not a Capulet.

**PROOF 2** – “This is the banish’d haughty Montague, that murdered my cousin...” (V, iii, 49-50)

**COMMENT 2** –

**POINT 3** – Romeo’s exile from the brawl in the streets has an indirect consequence for his mother.

**PROOF 3** – “Alas, my liege, my wife is dead tonight;” (V, iii, 210)

**COMMENT 3** –

\*\*\*3rd person only

Verb tense is present tense

No contractions

Literal language (no metaphors etc)

**Sample paragraph from outline above**

In Romeo and Juliet, death occurs because many of the characters are unable to let go of the family feud. Early on in the story, Tybalt’s hatred of the Montagues causes him to act irrationally with deadly consequences. “I am for you” (III,i,79) **Despite the fact that Lord Capulet tells Tybalt to leave Romeo alone, Tybalt goes after him anyway. In his anger, he chooses not to listen and so, both he and Mercutio die. These are the first two deaths caused by the family feud.** Even characters who are not family members die due to the feud. Paris’ death is caused by his attempt to defend the Capulet family honour even though he is not a Capulet. “This is the banish’d haughty Montague,/ that murdered my cousin...” (V, iii, 49-50) **Paris believes that Romeo Montague is an enemy to the Capulets and so, as a dutiful potential son in law, he takes the opportunity in front of him and attempts to bring Romeo to justice. This ultimately leads Romeo to protect himself, ending in Paris’ death.** Finally, Romeo’s exile from the brawl which kills Tybalt and Mercutio has an indirect consequence for his mother. “Alas, my liege, my wife is dead tonight;” (V, iii, 210). **Lady Montague dies from the sadness of knowing that her son is no longer able to live in Verona. The death of Romeo’s mother is a secondary consequence to the long standing hatred between the two families.** Despite being warned of the dangers of their ongoing feud, neither family is fully able to stop the fighting which ends in the untimely death of many characters.