**Summer Reading Outline MODEL**

**Sample Topic/Prompt (this isn’t a prompt choice for you; this is just a sample so you are clear on expectations): How does the author employ different methods of characterization in your novel?**

**Topic Sentence:** In his novel, Bram Stoker creates the vampire Dracula through multiple methods of characterization.

**Example:** One way that Stoker brings Dracula to life on the pages can be seen with sinister physical descriptions.

**Evidence (remember that this can be the author’s words/descriptions or it can be dialogue)**: “His eyebrows were very massive, almost meeting over the nose, and with bushy hair that seemed to curl in its own profusion.  The mouth, so far as I could see it under the heavy moustache, was fixed and rather cruel-looking, with peculiarly sharp white teeth; these protruded over the lips…For the rest, his ears were pale and the tops extremely pointed; the chin was broad and strong, and the cheeks firm though thin” (Stoker 47-48).

**EXPLANATION:**

Presenting the Count as a menacing villain, Stoker amplifies Dracula’s appearance. With all of those sharp, angular features and tendril-like facial hair, Dracula emerges as foreboding and even predatory.

**TRANSITION SENTENCE:**

In addition to the physical traits that develop Dracula as threatening, Stoker intimates the Count’s dark thoughts and feelings.

\*\*\*It would then continue on with an example of Dracula’s feelings, a piece of textual evidence, explanation, and then finally a closing sentence. Complete *your* entire outline.