



# THE CAY

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## FOCUS:

**HOW AND WHY DOES THE PROTAGONIST OF THE NOVEL CHANGE AND DEVELOP?**

## What is an essay?

An essay:

- **responds** to an essay **question**
- is a **formal** piece of writing
- has an **organised structure** with an **introduction**, a **body** with paragraphs, and a **conclusion**
- expresses an **opinion**, and
- uses **evidence** to support ideas.

## Starting Your Essay

1. Read the question.
2. List the important words from the question:

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3. Brainstorm the words from the question:

**HOW** does the protagonist  
change and develop?

**WHY** must the protagonist  
change and develop?

What type of **CHANGE**  
takes place in Phillip?

How has Phillip **DEVELOPED** by the  
end of the novel?



# Essay Structure

Structure your essay in the most effective way to communicate your ideas and answer the question. All essays should include the following structure:

## *1. Introduction*

Answer the question and provide a summary or 'road map' of your essay. Tell the reader what you are going to talk about and what you believe the answer to be. Keep it brief, but mention all your main ideas.

## *2. Body*

The body of your essay is where you answer the question by developing a discussion. Here, you show your knowledge and grasp of the material you have read. Explain your ideas and give evidence. Use relevant examples and authoritative quotes to support your argument.

## *3. Conclusion*

The conclusion rounds off the essay. Relate it back to your main ideas or points and restate your answer to the question. NEVER introduce new information in your conclusion. The conclusion moves from specific to general.

## Essay Paragraphs: MESL

**M**ake the point

**E**xplain the point

**S**upport the point (evidence, quotes)

**L**ink the point back to the question (keep it relevant)

Each paragraph in the body of the essay should contain:

- A topic sentence (or main idea sentence) that states your point.
- An explanation of the point you're making.
- Evidence from your reading in the form of quotations.











