

Introduction:

- Hook:** Innocence is lost as time goes by.
- Thesis:** Dawn metaphor and Garden of Eden allusion suggest that innocence is lost as time goes by

Body One:

- Topic Sentence:** Dawn metaphor suggests that innocence is lost as time goes by
- Evidence:** “Nature’s first green is gold,/ Her hardest hue to hold.” (1-2)
- Explanation:** **Literal** = dawn looks “gold” because the sun is bright and yellow. This goes quickly away because dawn is brief.
Figurative = dawn represents youth. Youth, like the dawn, is precious. Like dawn, youth fades quickly, and with it
Connection = our innocence fades. This means that innocence is lost as time goes by.

Body Two:

- Topic Sentence:** Garden of Eden allusion suggests that innocence is lost as time goes by
- Evidence:** “So Eden sank to grief” (6)
- Explanation:** **Literal** = The Garden of Eden is a Biblical paradise.
Figurative = Eden represents a place of perfection and innocence, and in this way, it represents youthful innocence. Eden “sank” into “grief” once difficulties were introduced, just as innocence learns to “grieve,” or recognize sadness, as youth fades.
Connection = This means that innocence is lost as time goes by.

Conclusion:

Note: Your outline should include three body paragraphs. Please remember that the above example is to help you think about the exercise. It is not meant to be a “perfect” example.