“The Sniper” Theme Paragraph Assignment

In a well-developed body paragraph, analyze one theme in the short story, “The Sniper.” You need to use two direct quotes from the story to support how this theme is developed. Your essay needs to be typed on a Google Doc in MLA format. You need to submit your essay into turnitin.com by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Please follow the outline below:

# Title

Topic Sentence: **Title + author + theme statement** (What message is the writer sending readers?)

Concrete Detail #1: **Introduce your quote with your own words + Quote from story + Parenthetical Reference (O’Flaherty).** (Find a quote in the story that helps contribute to the author’s message.)

Commentary: **Two sentences explaining/analyzing/commenting/interpreting the quote + how it develops the theme** (How does the quote from the story contribute to his message?)

Concrete Detail #2: **Introduce your second quote with your own words + Quote from story + Parenthetical Reference (O’Flaherty).** (Find a quote in the story that helps contribute to the author’s message.)

Commentary: **Two sentences explaining/analyzing/commenting/interpreting the second quote + how it develops the theme** (How does the quote from the story contribute to his message?)

Concluding Sentence: **Sum up main idea + the significance of the theme** (Why does this matter? Therefore, …? Why should readers care?)

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You must fill out:

* A complete sentence for your topic sentence (Follow example)
* Two quotes from the story with the parenthetical reference
* Bullet point two ideas on the right – How do quotes demonstrate theme?
* Conclusion – Notes about why this is important and why readers should care

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| Topic Sentence:  Liam O’Flaherty’s short story, “The Sniper,” sends readers a valuable message about war: War tears families apart. |
| Write your own topic sentence: |

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| Quote #1 (O’Flaherty) | How does the quote portray the theme? |
| Quote #2 (O’Flaherty) | How does the quote portray the theme? |

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| Conclusion: |