Example of how to use this kind of outline:

1. Thesis: In Flight, by Sherman Alexie, the author uses figurative language to emphasize Zit’s growth from a lonely, violent boy to a young man willing and able to love.
2. Body Paragraph #1
   1. Topic Sentence
      1. Early in the novel, Zits primarily identifies himself by his isolation, choosing to focus on his loneliness and using it as an excuse for his violent behavior.
   2. Context
      1. After an altercation with his foster parents, to whom Zits refuses to be polite to based on his assumption that they do not treat their foster children equally, Zits is chased down by cops.
   3. Evidence
      1. As he runs, he thinks to himself, “I am an orphan meteor” (11).
   4. Analysis
      1. Paraphrase
         1. Even in moments of extreme stress, Zits’s self deprecation shines through.
         2. He refers to himself as a meteor
            1. a chunk of space rock
            2. destructive, alone, alien.
      2. Connection to Claim
         1. Meteors have no place on Earth.
            1. Just like Zits, fly alone through space, unable to connect or interact with anything, except through violent collision.
            2. because of his outlook he is only able to view himself as a dangerous accident waiting to happen to other people.
         2. Meteors are destructive and violent
            1. Zits is only able to view his life as a series of crash landings
         3. Meteors are alone
   5. Transition (If you need to use a second piece of evidence to prove your point!)
   6. Context
   7. Evidence
   8. Analysis

You can copy my outline and delete the words or build your own!