Hunger Games: A sample topic outline - practice by expanding the statements into full paragraphs

The topic is **: Describe at least ONE relationship that was important in the text. Explain why you learned something from this relationship in the text.**   
*Using the relationship between: Katniss and Peeta*

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|  | **Paragraph 1** |
| S – **state** main point | Their relationship involves external conflict. |
| E – **explain** it in relation to topic | They’re opponents in the Hunger Games where contestants must kill to win. |
| X – **example** and quote | Peeta allies himself with the Careers. |
| E – **explain** further | We learn that he does this to protect Katniss by diverting them away from her. |
| Y – **your** response to second part of topic | Love and sacrifice shown through the humanity in Peeta’s willingness to put himself at risk to protect Katniss. |

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| **Paragraph 2** |
| There is internal conflict as well. |
| He’s in love with her and she feels indebted to him (bread – saved her life) and she is wary of him |
| They play “star crossed” lovers in the games to win over the audience/sponsors |
| Play up the mock relationship for the cameras and he thinks she’s for real but she’s uncertain |
| Personal honour and the idea of owing someone a debt of gratitude. Courage, determination, survival instinct and the will to live – the lengths humans will go to, to ensure their own survival. |

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| **Paragraph 3** |
| The relationship develops and becomes genuine |
| She saves his life and they become allies |
| They say they will commit suicide rather than kill each other |
| They have resolved their external conflict though internal conflict still lingers |
| Risk - saving the life of someone else because our nature makes us help those in need. Not accepting that we cannot change the world – standing up to authority can be a positive thing if the authority is wrong. |

*You obviously can write an entirely different set of statements about the relationship but if you follow these as a guide then you will have worked out how to write a full essay. Please realise these are ideas and suggestions not the first line of a paragraph and you should write your own version of this essay just using the elements as guidelines.*

*Don’t forget to put in quotations as supporting evidence for what you are saying.*

*And don’t forget to look through your notes for other ideas about this relationship.*

*Craft an introduction and a conclusion.*

*Note – this plan was one I found on the net and is not my work but I think it makes it very clear how to structure your essays.*