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OUTLINE: *The Bronze Bow*

Attach an outline of your essay project to this form. Do not write on the lines below.

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Jane Student

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The Bronze Bow

Outline

I. In the story, the bronze bow represents the thing that is most difficult in one's life to overcome.

Be more specific about how the story answers the essay prompt directly. What is the thing that's most difficult?

II. Thacia sees how the bronze bow represents the ability of God's strength to make the impossible possible.

a. Thacia questions how someone can bend a bow made of bronze since it is humanly impossible. Expand this set-up to include some contextual details, so we know the situation in which the quote takes place.

b. "...David meant a bow that a man couldn't bend – that when God strengthens us we can do something that seems impossible." (Speare 87). "Why does Jesus say we must love our enemies?" (Speare 178)

c. Thacia comes to understand how God's strength can help someone love his enemies, which is impossible. Good – should this idea be included in your thesis?

III. Joel now sees that Jesus is the better leader and that by following him, his hatred can be bent with God's love.

a. Joel wants to lead a group of rebels in fighting, but he is persuaded by Jesus to think a different way. You should mention the moment when this happens – was it something Jesus said or did?

b. “Go to see him, Daniel. I wish – but it’s too late for me now. Perhaps we made a mistake. Maybe Jesus is really the leader we’re waiting for” (Speare 220). [Why is it too late for Joel? Did something happen? Explain this.](#)

c. Joel understands that by following Jesus, his hatred can be bent with God’s love.

IV. After meeting Jesus, Daniel learns to let go of his hatred-and love the Romans by following Jesus teaching.

a. Thacia helps Daniel see that Jesus’ love is the key to forgiving the Romans. [OK, but we’ll need info on Daniel’s hatred first, so that the change you’re describing can be understood.](#)

b. “He knew that he would give everything he possessed in life to follow Jesus. Even his vow...Jesus said that the Victory was God’s promise...*Was it possible that only love could bend the bow of bronze?*” (Speare 252)

c. Daniel accepts the help of Jesus to bend the hatred in his heart and turn it into love. [Will you mention the Roman soldier here?](#)

OK Jane, this is going well. I like the way you take each of three characters and deal with them separately on the same issue. Your outline is a little vague in places, which is primarily due to a still fuzzy thesis statement. Work on sharpening your point for the rough draft, so that each paragraph can have a clear purpose.

<u>Element</u>	<u>Grade</u>
<u>Thesis</u>	<u>3</u>
<u>Supports</u>	<u>3</u>
<u>Structure</u>	<u>4</u>