**The OEA Process: Using Textual Evidence to Support your Ideas**

**O = Observation (What do you notice in the text?)**

**E = Evidence (What quotation can you use to support your observation?)**

**A = Analysis (So what? Why is this idea important? How does it help prove your thesis?)**

**Thesis Statement: Throughout “Young Goodman Brown,” Hawthorne uses chiaroscuro to symbolize the struggle between good and evil taking place within Goodman Brown’s own heart and mind.**

**Now it’s your turn!**

**(Write (2) versions of your thesis and choose the best one)**

**Thesis Statement Attempt #1:**

**Thesis Statement Attempt #2:**

**Now write down your (3) main arguments that will help to support your thesis.**

**Topic Sentence #1:**

**Topic Sentence #2:**

**Topic Sentence #3:**