Extended Definition Essay: Jack London’s “To Build a Fire”

Assignment:
1. Write a one to two-page essay in which you use Aristotle’s definition of courageous action to determine whether or not the man’s actions are courageous.

Format:
- Times New Roman 12 pt. font
- Double-spaced
- 1 inch margins
- Heading: see above
- Title of essay centered (you can bold it)
- Insert last name and page number in the top right of header

HINT: Aristotle believes that for an action to be considered courageous a person must, first, have a choice, make a rational decision, be aware of the consequences, and perform a noble act.

OUTLINE DUE DATE: beginning of class Monday, 1/30/18

Outline

I. Introduction
   A. Hook (start big picture)
   B. Definition of courageous action (include criteria/standards you will address)
   C. Thesis statement (include author and short story title and whether or not the man is courageous because…)

II. First body Paragraph: Use the first two criterion from Aristotle’s definition to determine whether or not the man’s actions are courageous.
   A. Topic sentence (include criterion and link to courageous action)
   B. Example from story + direct textual evidence
   C. Show how textual evidence supports your thesis
   D. Example from story + direct textual evidence
   E. Show how textual evidence supports your thesis
   F. Transition

III. Second Body Paragraph: Use the last two criterion in Aristotle’s definition to determine whether or not the man’s actions are courageous
   A. Topic sentence (include criteria and link to courageous action)
   B. Example from story + direct textual evidence
   C. Show how textual evidence supports your thesis
   D. Example from story + direct textual evidence
   E. Show how textual evidence supports your thesis
   F. Transition
IV. **Conclusion**
   A. Restate main points and thesis
   B. Concluding statement / parting words (end big picture)