**Sample Analysis Paragraph – Quitters, Inc.**

Through Richard Morrison in Stephen King’s short story “Quitters, Inc.” the reader learns that love is stronger than addiction. Morrison tells his wife, Cindy, that he’s kicking the habit for her and their son, Alvin, and when he learns that Quitters Inc.’s punishment scale involves his family, he feels close to tears and calls Donatti a filthy bastard. If Morrison didn’t truly love Cindy and Alvin, he wouldn’t be so emotionally distraught over knowing that the very real possibility of him slipping up could result in their suffering. The fact that he’s quitting for them, therefore, proves that his love has strengthened his resolve to successfully beat his addiction. Further, when Morrison considers the possibility of what a slip up on his part could mean for Alvin, he develops a stronger love for his son; he finds his son’s kiss less repulsive, and he finds joy in Alvin’s delight over the red ball. Nothing in the story indicates that, without the threats from Quitters, Inc., Morrison would have developed this new appreciation and stronger love, and since the possible negative consequences of his smoking caused his new feelings, we see that love has begun to overshadow Morrison’s addiction. Finally, after his first and only slipup, Morrison finds Cindy’s visit to the rabbit room unbearable, the longest 30 seconds of his life. Morrison’s distorted perception of time indicates his absolute regret and anguish over causing Cindy’s fear and suffering; the reader can see that, from this moment, he will painfully associate smoking with her suffering, further strengthening his resolve to beat the habit and showing that his love is stronger than his desire to smoke. Clearly, Morrison has learned that love ultimately trumps addiction.

Red – inference statement/topic sentence

Green – evidence from text

Blue – explanation of how evidence helps prove your inference (analysis)

Purple - clincher