Close Reading Paper

For this paper choose one passage or scene from Olaudah Equiano’s narrative to analyze. Remember, close reading is the practice of analyzing a specific part of a text and interpreting how that part connects to the narrative as a whole. The assignment altogether should be 3-4 pages in length, double-spaced, 12-point.Specific instructions for writing the paper are included below:

* Summary section (page 1): include a half to one-page summary of the passage/scene that you are analyzing. You may quote from Equiano, but make sure that you do use your own words to summarize the passage/scene for at least half a page of this section.
* Close reading analysis section (pages 2 and 3 (4th page is optional)): analyze the passage/scene that you have chosen. Make sure to write your paragraphs clearly with a topic sentence, evidence, and analysis. Also work on transitioning smoothly from one paragraph to another. You do not need a thesis for this paper, but you should instead have a specific topic that you address in all of your paragraphs. A close reading is not a collection of ideas that don’t relate to each other but rather a focused set of ideas that show how the passage/scene is functioning within the narrative.
* When including quotes from Equiano, make sure to include the pages number(s) in parentheses after the quote. For example: Equiano noted in the first line of the narrative “I believe it is difficult for those who publish their own memoirs to escape the imputation of vanity” (19).