***Touching Spirit Bear* Argument Essay**

**What consequences should Cole face now that he has finished his banishment on the island?**  Write an essay that argues for what should happen to Cole now. Should he serve jail time? Should he remain on the island longer? Should he return to his parents and attend school?

**You introduction should**…

* Give context: Summarize what happened to Cole, but don’t give everything away! Why was he banished to an island and what happened to him while he was there?
* End with a thesis: State your argument! What should happen to Cole now?

**The body of your essay…**

* Must have at least three paragraphs.
* Each paragraph must have a clear focus--a reason that Cole should face this particular consequences.
* Must have ***at least*** three quotes with page numbers. You should ideally aim for one quote a paragraph if possible.
* Present a counter-argument. What reason might someone disagree with this consequence for Cole? How could you counter that argument?

**You conclusion must…**

* Briefly restate your thesis/focus statement and summarize your arguments.
* Have a “So What?” Broaden your thesis to the real world.

**Ideas for starting a counter argument…**

* Even though some might argue that Cole should not \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, he should because \_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* While some might say Cole should not \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, he should \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ because\_\_\_\_\_
* Despite Cole’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, he should \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Although Cole \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, he should \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_\_
* Some might say Cole should not \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. However, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

***Hidden Talents* Argument Essay**

**Should Martin return to public school and his family or should he remain at Edgeview?** Write an essay that argues for what should happen to Martin after his time at Edgeview. Has he earned the right to go back to public school? Should he be with his family? Should he stay with his friends at Edgeview?

**You introduction should**…

* Give context: Summarize what Edgeview is and why Martin was sent there. You may also want to briefly summarize what happened to Martin during his time at the school.
* End with a thesis: State your argument! What should happen to Martin now?

**The body of your essay…**

* Must have at least three paragraphs.
* Each paragraph must have a clear focus--a reason that this should happen to Martin.
* Must have ***at least*** three quotes with page numbers. You should ideally aim for one quote a paragraph if possible.
* Present a counter-argument. What reason might someone disagree with you about what should happen to Martin? How could you counter that argument?

**You conclusion must…**

* Briefly restate your thesis/focus statement and summarize your arguments.
* Have a “So What?” Broaden your thesis to the real world.

**Ideas for starting a counter argument…**

* Even though some might argue that Martin should not \_\_\_\_\_\_, he should because \_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* While some might say Martin should not \_\_\_\_\_\_, he should \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ because\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Despite Martin’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, he should \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Although Martin \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, he should \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_\_
* Some might say Martin should not \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. However, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

***Stargirl* Argument Essay**

**Should Stargirl forgive Leo and return to Mica?** Write an essay that argues for Stargirl should do after her year at Mica. Should she forgive Leo for how he treated her? Should she date him again? Should she attend Mica High School? Your thesis could focus on all of these or just parts. For example, you could argue that Stargirl should forgive Leo but not date him again or that she should return to Mica but not forgive Leo.

**You introduction should**…

* Give context: Summarize what happened to Stargirl during her time at Mica High School and what happened to her relationship with Leo.
* End with a thesis: State your argument! What should Stargirl do?

**The body of your essay…**

* Must have at least three paragraphs.
* Each paragraph must have a clear focus--a reason Stargirl should do this.
* Must have ***at least*** three quotes with page numbers. You should ideally aim for one quote a paragraph if possible.
* Present a counter-argument. What reason might someone disagree with you about what Stargirl should do. How could you counter that argument?

**You conclusion must…**

* Briefly restate your thesis/focus statement and summarize your arguments.
* Have a “So What?” Broaden your thesis to the real world.

**Ideas for starting a counter argument…**

* Even though some might argue that Stargril should not \_\_\_\_\_, she should because \_\_\_\_\_\_
* While some might say Stargirl should not \_\_\_\_\_\_, she should \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ because\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Despite Leo’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Stargirl should \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Although Leo \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Stargirl should \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_\_
* Some might say Stargirl should not \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. However, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_