

English 9 Q4 *Romeo and Juliet* persuasive essay

For this essay, you will take a stand on this prompt:

Who is responsible for Romeo and Juliet's deaths?

Based on your reading and understanding the story, decide who is responsible. NOTE: multiple people could be responsible.

Follow the outline below to set up your essay and write it.

Draft your essay in GOOGLEDPCS with the title Lastname Eng 9 Q4 and share it with Mrs. Botsford (lboatsford) or whichever writing teacher is assigned to you.

This is only a DRAFT. It is NOT the final copy.

Mrs. Botsford will then make comments on your draft. You are required to fix the draft, then check for spelling and grammar errors.

Submit the final, polished copy by copying and pasting it from GoogleDocs into Odyssey Writer and hitting the submit button.

The rubric will be located on our website www.khonlinewriting.weebly.com

OUTLINE FOR ESSAY:

Introduction paragraph

HOOK: find a quote or write a metaphor about the idea of blame or wrongful death

Bridging sentences: In the play, *Romeo and Juliet*, by William Shakespeare, [give a short, general background summary about the play here]. In the end, Romeo and Juliet are dead, and someone is responsible.

THESIS: _____ is (are) responsible for Romeo and Juliet's deaths because...

Body #1

Topic sentence: Give one reason why _____ is (are) responsible for Romeo and Juliet's deaths.

Give a specific example from the play to SHOW your reason:

EXPLAIN/ARGUE how and why the example proves this person is responsible for their deaths (this should be well-developed with at least 3-5 sentences).

Concluding sentence--wrap up the paragraph by connecting back to the topic sentence.

Body # 2

Topic sentence: Give a second reason why _____ is (are) responsible for Romeo and Juliet's deaths.

Give a specific example from the play to SHOW your reason:

EXPLAIN/ARGUE how and why the example proves this person is responsible for their deaths (this should be well-developed with at least 3-5 sentences).

Concluding sentence--wrap up the paragraph by connecting back to the topic sentence.

Body # 3

Topic sentence: Give a last reason why _____ is (are) responsible for Romeo and Juliet's deaths.

Give a specific example from the play to SHOW your reason:

EXPLAIN/ARGUE how and why the example proves this person is responsible for their deaths (this should be well-developed with at least 3-5 sentences).

Concluding sentence--wrap up the paragraph by connecting back to the topic sentence.

Conclusion

Transition to signal you are wrapping up+restate your thesis.

Briefly restate your three main points from your three body paragraphs.

Wrap up discussion--leave the reader with something interesting to think about regarding Romeo and Juliet's deaths and who should take responsibility (no questions!).