

The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle Written Assignment

Write a 3 Paragraph Argumentative Essay with a Thesis Statement and Supporting Evidence that Answers One of the Following Questions:

Is Charlotte a victim, villain, or a heroine?

Or

Is Captain Jaggery a victim, villain, or a hero?

You must choose a character and a claim for your character. There are no right or wrong answers as long as you can use evidence from the book to support your claim.

My character is \_\_\_\_\_.

I claim my character is a \_\_\_\_\_.

Now, look at your brainstorming page of what makes a victim, a villain, or a hero. Choose 3 attributes that support your claim and list them.

Attribute #1 \_\_\_\_\_

Attribute #2 \_\_\_\_\_

Attribute #3 \_\_\_\_\_

Write a Thesis Statement

Example: Although (list the opposing argument here), (insert your character here) is a (insert your label here) because he or she demonstrates (insert your first attribute here), (insert your second attribute here), and (insert your third attribute here).

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### Brainstorming Evidence for Your True Confessions Argumentative Essay

In order to build a strong argument, you must choose evidence from the book that helps to support your claim. List your character's attributes below. Underneath the attributes, find evidence from your book where your character demonstrated that quality. Write a brief description and list the page number.

Attribute #1 \_\_\_\_\_

Evidence #1 \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ P# \_\_\_\_\_

Evidence #2 \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ P# \_\_\_\_\_

Attribute #2 \_\_\_\_\_

Evidence #1 \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ P# \_\_\_\_\_

Evidence #2 \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ P# \_\_\_\_\_

Attribute #3 \_\_\_\_\_

Evidence #1 \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ P# \_\_\_\_\_

Evidence #2 \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ P# \_\_\_\_\_

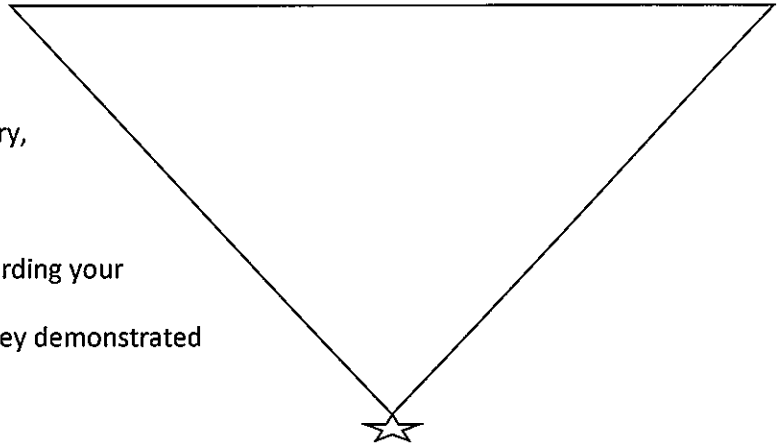
Now is the time to analyze your attributes. You want to list your strongest point first. In other words, you want the attribute with the best examples first. You want your weakest point last. With this in mind, should you change the order of your attributes? Can you prove all of your attributes? If not, this is the time to change your attribute or even your claim. If you make these changes, you need to rewrite your thesis statement and correct this page.

## True Confessions Argumentative 3 Paragraph Essay

### **Introduction Paragraph**

Introduces book, provides a brief summary, then gives the thesis statement.

**Thesis statement:** States your claim regarding your character and lists the three attributes they demonstrated in the book.

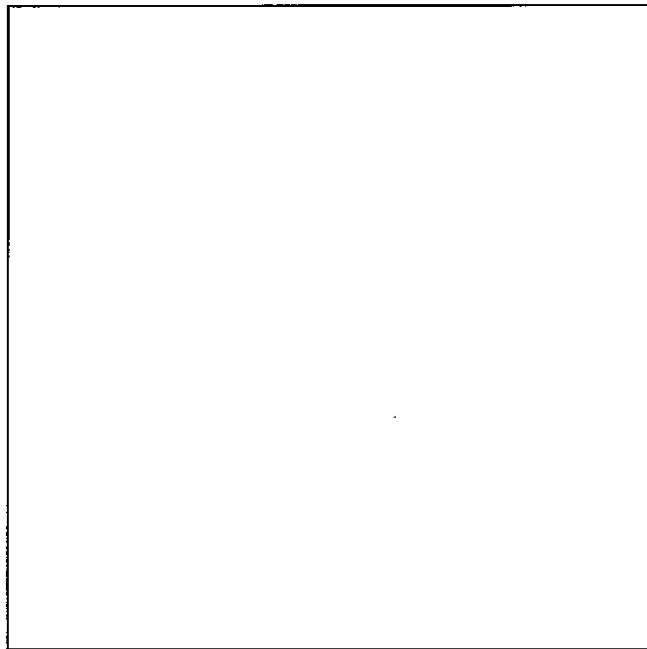


### **Body Paragraph**

Provides a topic sentence.

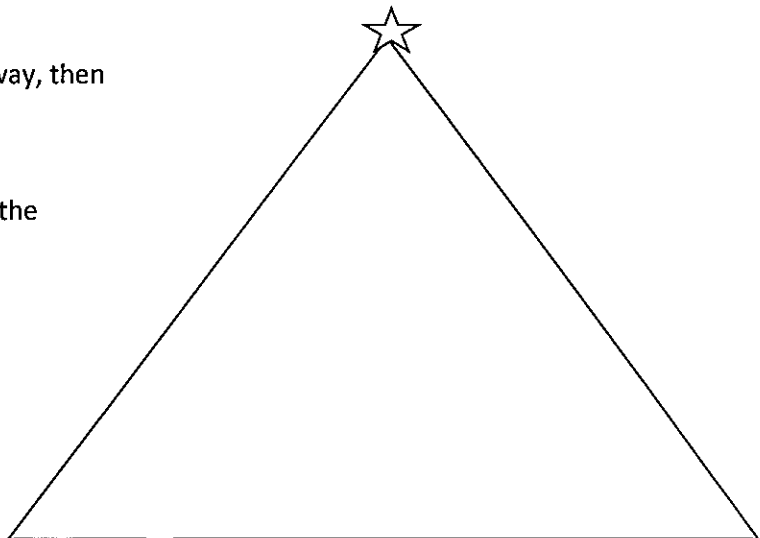
Lists the first attribute and then provides 2 pieces of evidence from the book.

Lists the attribute and provides 2 pieces of evidence. Lists the third attribute and provides 2 pieces of evidence.



### **Conclusion Paragraph**

Begins with the thesis restated in a new way, then reveals a new truth, and gives a final statement that signals to the reader that the discussion had come to an end.



**Brainstorm Page for Your True Confessions Argumentative Essay Introduction Paragraph**

1. Write a sentence to introduce the book.

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2. Write about three to five sentences to summarize the book from the perspective of your character.

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3. Write your thesis statement.

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**Brainstorm Page for Your True Confessions Argumentative Conclusion Paragraph**

1. Restate your thesis in a different way.

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2. Add a new thought, perhaps how your character changed throughout the book.

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3. Write a strong ending such as a grand statement that signals the end of the essay. Use the name of your character.

*Example:* If more people demonstrated Zachariah's great character and heroism, the world would be a better place to live.

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