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Researched Critical Analysis Essay Peer Review #2

First Impressions

Does the title attract your attention? Why/why not? Does it clearly identify the author's purpose and stance? Why/why not? Suggest at least one improvement in word choice or phrasing, or an alternative title.

Yes, the title grabbed my attention because it's a very serious topic. It identifies the authors purpose and stance on her topics which is really helpful. The word people can be changed but it goes good with the rest of the title.

What type of introduction is this? (Narrative, Expository, etc....) Name two things you enjoyed and two areas for improvement.

The introduction starts off with rhetorical question and then the author tells the information about the show she is talking about and the society.

Is there enough background information presented in the introduction? Is there any additional information needed to clarify the context of the primary source or the author's thesis?

Yes, there's plenty of background information that is being presented in the introduction like what's happening in America and the detailed information about the show "Seven Seconds".

Is there a clear thesis statement? What is it and where is it located? Can it be argued from supporting or opposing sides?

Yes, there is a clear thesis, " I believe that police brutality shows how the justice system is weak and unfair, it damages and scars the lives of many. Even though there are people who disagree with my beliefs and have their claims that support their opinion, I will be showing evidence for both." Its located on the last sentences of her introduction and it can be argued by both sides.

Arrangement

Are there enough claims to fully support the thesis and convince readers that the argument is logical and valid? What other claims might the author make to strengthen their argument?

Yes, there are enough claims to support the thesis and convince the readers that her argument is logical and valid.

Does the arrangement of claims flow in a logical and persuasive manner? Describe the progression of ideas.

Yes, the arrangement of claims flow in a logical and persuasive manner and it goes very smoothly.

Is every claim clearly and fully explained? Are there any areas where you were confused? What additional explanations or phrasing would improve clarity and comprehension for the reader?

Yes, every claim is clear and fully explained. Adding a little bit more of the show, the Brenton family and how they feel can be helpful in clarity.

Are there any paragraphs or sections that need to be moved to different locations? Which ones and where should they be placed?

No, all the paragraphs are good where they are placed.

Does the writer successfully transition throughout each paragraph? Are there any transitional words or phrases that are overused? Suggest at least one additional phrase they can use.

Yes, she uses some transition words. The word "However" is used multiple times. She can use Furthermore, and also.

Does the writer transition successfully from paragraph to paragraph? Are there topic sentences strong and clearly linked to the focus of each paragraph?

She successfully transitioned from paragraph to paragraph with detailed topic sentences. So, yes the topic sentences are strong and they link to the rest of the paragraph.

Research

Is each claim fully supported with proof from the primary source? Are there any claims which require more evidence?

Yes, there is are a lot of evidence from credible resources that support her claims and no more are needed.

Is there enough supporting data from outside sources for each major claim? What kind of data do they use?

Yes, she has included statistics and other resources to explain people's opinion about police brutality and the show.

Is the supporting data fully explained and clearly linked back to the author's claim and/or thesis? Where do they need to clarify or explain further?

Yes, the supporting data is fully explained and clearly linked back to the thesis statement and to the author's claims. The conclusions can be explained a little better.

Is any data/information missing, or interpreted in a way that seems confusing or incorrect?

No, the data is fully supported with explanation so it's not confusing.

Is every quote, statistic, or image properly labeled and cited using MLA format?

Yes, its properly cited, she puts the last name of the author she's citing then the page number or article number. Only, I believe there is supposed to be a comma after the author's name so suggest you double check once just to be sure.

Counterarguments

How does the author engage with counterarguments? Are they embedded into each paragraph or is there a separate section that only deals with counterarguments (Refutio)

She states how there are other people who think in a different way then she does about police brutality. She has a whole paragraph for this idea where she has supportive evidence as well.

Do the author's rebuttals seem logical and persuasive? Why/why not? Suggest another idea for a counterargument(s) that the author might employ.

The authors rebuttals seem logical and persuasive, she seems to have a clear idea of what she's telling the reader and gives us a different opinion, that are made by many which is very helpful. For example; According to The Washington Post, "Studies finds police officers arrested 1,100 times per year, or 3 per day, nationwide."
(Jackman, Tom).

In Conclusion

Is the conclusion clear and impactful? Why/Why not? Does it reinforce the thesis and major claims in their argument?

Yes, the conclusion is clear and impactful because she explains more about her feelings towards this important topic and she shows us a little bit more of the TV series, making the readers more interested in the series.

Are you convinced by the conclusion? Why or why not? What else did you want to know?

Yes, I am convinced because she explains her thesis, major claims and the summary of her essay. And gives a sense of an ending of her essay.

What is the writer's overall tone and how do they achieve this? Is the tone consistent throughout the essay?

Her tone is very strong and throughout the whole essay she wants us to understand why she feels how she has described in the essay.

What did you enjoy most about reading this essay? Name at least two aspects.

I enjoyed reading this essay because it is similar to how I feel on the topic. I learned how harsh police officers can be sometimes and that this issue has to be heard.

Where should the writer focus most to improve their work? Name two areas.

I think the conclusion should be a little more explained and her counterargument should have more evidence to it.