

Outline:

### **Body Paragraph #1: Introduction**

Hook: Have you ever had a teacher who made the idea of ancient asian bamboo torture more appealing? Who made you shudder at the mere mention of their class? Who made even the most outgoing students cower in fear? If yes, congratulations. Welcome to the rest of the universe.

Thesis: Teacher don't have to be nice, but they don't have to be the product of pure evil, either.

### **Body Paragraph #2: Why Students are 'Dumb' (Sometimes)**

- a. From our first day of kindergarten, we are taught that teachers are the ultimate sources of knowledge. For five school years after that, we have one teacher for everything. Math, science, English, the location of the bathroom, everything. Every stupid question we have is answered by one middle-aged, bitter adult. But teachers are human, not robots, despite the fact that most consume coffee like cars consume gas. They don't know everything, despite how much they'd like to refute that. So when we get the privilege to have a teacher such as the one in "Me Talk Pretty One Day", we're completely horrified, like it's the first time we were told there was not actually an elderly, overweight man coming to break into our house and deliver us presents. How do you respond to a teacher who strikes fear into the hearts of their students?
- b. Not only that, the system perpetuates itself. We are reminded that teachers are the ultimate source of knowledge, other than the textbook, and we are chastised when we don't understand something. How are low test scores supposed to encourage a student who is doing poorly? Especially when faced with a teacher who constantly reminds said student how inadequate they are. How is that anyway to encourage someone to learn? Trick question, it isn't.

### **Body Paragraph #3: It Takes Two to Tango**

- a. Unless the teacher from "Me Talk Pretty One Day" was in fact constructed from the vilest of evils, she probably didn't start out that way. It's not like teachers come out of the teacher-factory already bitter and jaded. After all, it takes two to tango. And by tango I mean be constantly disappointed and frustrated in/at your own students. It takes years of abuse from procrastinating and apathetic students. Comparing a student to a 'cesarean section' probably didn't come from a teacher in their first decade of teaching.
- b. There is a lack of understanding in the world of education. Teachers don't understand that students are people too the same way students don't view teachers as actual humans. This lack of understanding has caused a great rift in the world of education. Teachers are viewed as unmoving dictators who are trained in the art of undermining students. Students are seen as 'dumb', procrastinating freeloaders who only care how many hearts they get on their latest Instagram selfie.

### **Body Paragraph #3: Conclusion**

- a. At the end of the day, that teacher who you viewed as the ultimate source of all evil and hatred in the world was just a human, with a job that they might not necessarily enjoy anymore for justifiable reasons. At the same time, that teacher might need to seriously take a look at the way they treat their students and see if it really is the way prisoners are treated. There's an equal amount of blame to be dished out here, and it's about time someone gets around to it.