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Classroom Bullying

In Ray Bradbury’s, “All Summer in a Day” he conveys that children often bully each other out of jealousy and stubbornness through their harassment of Margot. For example, the class shows disbelief over Margot’s description of the sun by telling her “ ‘Aw, you didn’t write that!’ protested one of the boys” (1), even though Margot says “I did.”(1). The children demonstrate they are close minded and skeptics when they expressed their disbelief in Margot’s description of the sun. Margot loses self-confidence because of the doubts she gets from her peers. In addition, the children push and tease her, “He (William) gave her (Margot) a shove. But she did not move; rather she let herself be moved only by him and nothing else. They (Margot’s classmates) edged away from her, they would not look at her. She felt them go away.” (1), resulting in Margot becoming an introvert. Even though the constant bullying causes much sadness to Margot, the bullying helps fuel her desire to see the sun. Bullying Margot causes her to form a mental wall between her classmates to prevent her from getting hurt further causing her to be an introvert. Furthermore, the children “caught her (Margot) up and bore her” and carried her “back into a tunnel, a room, a closet, where they slammed and locked the door.” (1), but eventually release her with remorse. The children reveal they are not monsters, just people with quick and rash actions because of their envy towards Margot. Margot’s classmates show empathy after realizing their wrong doing. Children bully not out of necessity or habit, but by envy.

In this essay, my strongest part was structure and transitions. I understood the formula very well. I need to work on making my commentary more insightful. I was surprised that I did the quotations correctly. I also was surprised that some of my commentaries were facts not opinions.