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College Essay Outline

PROMPT: “Reflect on a time when you challenged a belief or idea. What prompted you to act? Would you make the same decision again?”

THESIS STATEMENT: I have challenged the idea that wearing a suit is boring or reserved for businessmen throughout my time in high school.

- I. Introduction
- II. On the image of suits as “businesslike.”
  - A. Negatively: suits are boring, for people who hate their job, and unpleasant.
  - B. Positively: suits are associated with success, money, and look nice.
- III. On why I challenged this idea, and what effect it had.
  - A. Origin of the suit-wearing, the nickname “Crazy John,” and why.
  - B. How people have responded to the formality.
- IV. On why I would do it again.
  - A. Comfort and practicality of a suit jacket.
  - B. Improvement in image from wearing nice clothes.
- V. Conclusion