English 112

Essay Proposal

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The Difference Between Three Distinct Types of Detective Story: Hard-Boiled, Deductive Reasoning, and Armchair Detective

In this essay, I will first explain these three different distinct types of detective story, and then compare the differences between these stories. I will focus on the two aspects, the one of the scenarios itself and the other of the feeling ourself while we read these stories.

**Thesis:** These three distinct types of detective stories have different advantages: Hard-Boiled can builds a more complicated story and attract reader continue reading it, Deductive Reasoning combines inference and investigate together, and Armchair Detective takes a simple situation that readers can only analyze the case but no need to be participation.

**Scenes:** I will pick three scenes from three books: *The Big Sleep*, *The Speckled Band* and *Miss Marple Tells a Story*:

1. Marlowe was caught by Canino after he drove to their house (Chandler chapter 28). Then, he persuaded Eddie’s Wife to release him and fought back to Canino. This sense shows the feature of Had-Boiled detective story, which the detective is influenced by the story, and the detective changes the development of scenario as well.
2. Sherlock was threatened by the stepfather, while this behavior didn’t change the movement of Sherlock. Although the detective may interact with other characters in the Deductive Reasoning story, the detective won’t influence the scenario.
3. Raymond was asked to analyze the case by hearing the story from Miss Marple. This is what the Armchair Detective story does, the detective sitting on an armchair instead of trying to research the case by their own.

In my end of the essay, I will discuss how the story might be by using these three distinct types on a regular basis. Hardly to say which one might be success or not, but I will show the main feature among these three distinct types.