Life of Pi Argumentative Essay 2023

Prompts - Choose 1 of the following prompts:

1. Which story does Pi actually experience on the lifeboat, the animal story or the human story?

2. Which of his sides does Pi rely more on in order to survive, his imaginative side or his rational side?

3. Does Pi descend into savagery, as he believes he does?

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Example: According to the article, the writer argues that “virtually all storytelling, regardless of genre, increases society’s empathy and reinforces on ethic of decency that is deeper than politics” (Gottschall 3).

Structure:

1. Introductory Paragraph

a. Opening statement and TAG

b. Introduce the topic with relevant background information.

c. Use your central claim as your thesis

1. Body Paragraphs - Write TWO body paragraphs

a. State a minor claim as your topic sentence

b. Include TWO evidence chains to support your claim:

i. Each evidence chain will: Introduce the quote with CONTEXT, EMBED the quote, and support it with 2 sentences of ANALYSIS.

c. NOTE: In ONE of your body paragraphs, include a counterclaim and rebuttal (with evidence!)

i. This means that ONE body paragraph will have THREE pieces of evidence total

d. Take away/call to action as concluding sentence

3. Concluding Paragraph

a. Restatement of central claim in new words

b. Universal statement or “So What?