

Cause-Effect “Problem” Analysis – Critique Rubric

Directions: Use this rubric to evaluate the author's essay. While this rubric is specific to the prompt formula, every prompt is slightly different, so interpret the rubric according to the particular scholarship's requirements!

PARAGRAPH #1: INTRODUCTION / PROBLEM

Story/Essay Element	Yes/No	Comments
Summarizes a problem that faces society.		
Provides an example, with evidence, of this problem .		
Establishes why it should be a societal goal to eradicate this problem .		
Transition by hinting at cause of the problem , which is selfish/negative choices .		

General Paragraph Notes:

PARAGRAPH #2: COMPLICATION

Story/Essay Element	Yes/No	Comments
Identifies 1 selfish choice that many individuals are making.		
Supports this with cited evidence/examples.		
Elaborates on why this choice is the cause of the problem .		
Transitions by hinting at another, more substantial, selfish choice to come.		

General Paragraph Notes:

PARAGRAPH #3: CLIMAX

Story/Essay Element	Yes/No	Comments
Identifies a second selfish choice that many individuals are making.		
Supports this with cited evidence/examples.		
Elaborates on why this choice is the most significant cause of the problem .		
Elaborates more on why solving this problem is a worthy goal for individuals to pursue.		
Transitions by suggesting that sacrificial choices are the solution.		

General Paragraph Notes:

PARAGRAPH #4: CONCLUSION

Story/Essay Element	Yes/No	Comments
Clearly identifies a sacrificial choice that individuals can make to solve the problem .		
Supports this with evidence/an example.		
Clearly defines the benefits of this sacrificial choice , and why it will solve the problem .		
Elaborates on how making this new choice will cause society to grow in beneficial ways.		

General Paragraph Notes:

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PARAGRAPH #1: INTRODUCTION / PROBLEM

Story/Essay Element	Yes/No	Comments
Summarizes a problem that faces society.		
Provides an example, with evidence, of this problem .		
Establishes why it should be a societal goal to eradicate this problem .		
Transition by hinting at how the solution to the problem will be individual sacrificial choices .		

General Paragraph Notes:

PARAGRAPH #2: COMPLICATION

Story/Essay Element	Yes/No	Comments
Identifies 1 sacrificial choice that individuals should make to solve the problem .		
Supports this with cited evidence/examples.		
Elaborates on why this choice is a worthy goal and how it solves the problem .		
Transitions by hinting at another, more substantial, sacrificial choice to come.		

General Paragraph Notes:

PARAGRAPH #3: CLIMAX

Story/Essay Element	Yes/No	Comments
Identifies a second sacrificial choice that individuals should make.		
Supports this with cited evidence/examples.		
Elaborates on why this choice is the most significant solution of the problem .		
Elaborates more on how the benefits of this choice far outweigh the costs.		
Transitions by suggesting that the growth society will enjoy is worth the sacrifice .		

General Paragraph Notes:

PARAGRAPH #4: CONCLUSION

Story/Essay Element	Yes/No	Comments
Restate the benefits of these sacrificial choices on a massive scale.		
Elaborate on the growth individuals and society will enjoy as a result.		
Expresses optimism and hope for the future, possibly including a call to action to the user to make these sacrificial choices a goal .		

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