Response to Literature

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Definition

A response to literature examines the theme, plot, characters, or other aspects of a chapter, story, book, or poem

Writing Patterns

1. Introduction paragraph

   Tell the background, e.g. title, author, character, and basic plot

2. Body paragraph(s)

   State your arguments including strength and weakness from the characters, theme and plot

3. Conclusion paragraph

   Give a summary of your ideas and tell your feelings and suggestion

In "Dying for Their Beliefs: Christian Scientist Parents on Trial in Girls Death," Jeffery Good discusses the priority of the freedom of religion and the right to live. This issue is brought up by a death of a seven-year-old girl, Amy, who dies of diabetes. However, Amy's parents don't let Amy receive a conventional cure; they rely on the belief of the religion instead. Some people consider this behavior constitutes a crime, but some people don't think so. They think this kind of unconventional healing, Christian Scientist, just the same as the conventional treatment which doesn't succeed every time either. In this article, lots of people dispute it. Before making your conclusion, you have to read this article first.

Almost everyone prefers to read the cases that happen in our life rather than the earnest debate. Therefore, to avoid a dull opening, Jeffery Good states a true event first to attract the reader's attention and then leads the readers to the issue gradually. Jeffery Good makes good use of this trait and successful grab the reader's concern.

Because the issue of this article doesn't have the correct answer, Jeffery Good quotes various opinions. He mentions that some people think Amy's parents are guilty. They think the right to live should be prior so they should have Amy receive the medicine cure. On the other hand, some people consider that the Christian Scientist is also a kind of treatment to help Amy. Therefore Amy's parents don't have to take responsibility for the fail of Christian Scientist. According to these contrary judgments, Jeffery Good holds an impartial attitude and let the readers make their own estimation.

There is not an exact answer to which should be put the first between the freedom of the religion and the right to live. You can read "Dying for Their Beliefs: Christian Scientist Parents on Trial in Girl's Death" to see how Jeffery Good takes you into the issue and have yourself make your own judgment.

A Movie Review of *the Exorcism of Emily Rose*

Do you believe in devils? No matter what your answer is, this movie would bring you to the boundary between beliefs and science. "The Exorcism of Emily Rose" is a story of a 19 year-old girl, Emily, leaving her hometown with full dreams and hope to study in the University. Every thing seemed to be fine until a windy night, Emily felt herself pulled brutally by an unknown force. Since then, she suffered from various ghostly images and sounds around her. Being Catholics' daughter, Emily was considered to have devils live inside her. Emily's parents entrusted her to the Catholic father. To make things worse, the Father insisted on refusing any medical treatment. With the Catholic beliefs, prayer was the most effective way to heal the sick. As a result, Emily died with the company of the Father, only two days after the exorcism. The Father was accused of taking personally religious reasons ahead of the urgent medical need, causing the death of the youngster. In the movie, two lawyers respectively debated for the Father and the name of the girl, representing religious side and medical side. Through the arguments, they returned the original condition of the true story, and make us see how hard to judge it when one's beliefs were different from scientific theory.

It is controversial to compare religious effect with medical effect. When things develop out of the territory of scientific knowledge, what would you ask for? No one could tell which choice is absolutely right or wrong. The jury had no way but to decide the one who was the closest to be guilty, the Father was it. Unlike other criminals, he ended up setting free on the spot. The story inspires us think of the issue. It clearly displays the contradictory side, giving us both sides' convincing reasons of their state. To be more fascinating, it also contains many scary images to reflect the girl's pain and fear, adding the audience drama and attention to watch it. Many people consider it a scary film, for me, it is a movie satisfying me from my eyes to my heart.

Bored of the general scary movie? Watch this one, and I believe you will enjoy" The Exorcism of Emily Rose", the most meaningful scary movie.