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| Exam Essay Outline: | Essay Format Basics |
| **Introduction Paragraph**  | **Intro paragraph** | Start off generally and move to more specific. Finish paragraph 1 with you thesis |  |
| **Thesis** | Brandon Dassey experienced a breakdown of the criminal justice system in three ways:  |
| **Point 1**  | His parents inability to protect him from the police’s intense interrogation, |
| **Point 2**  | his intellectual disability hindering his understanding the seriousness of his situation, |
| **Point 3**  | and his defense lawyer and investigator working against his best interests. |
| **Body Para; 1** | **Body 1**  |  | This may take a few sentences. |
| Topic Sentence | Brandon’s parents allowed the police to take him from school and interrogate him for hours on end. |
| Evidence | (this is important because false confessions are a leading reason for innocent people being convicted wrongfully)Add evidence in the form of parts of the show…paraphrase or direct quotes |
| **Body Para. 2** | **Body 2**  |  |
| Topic Sentence  | Brandon’s intellectual disabilities made it very difficult for him to understand what was happening to him and the seriousness of the situation.  |
| Evidence | Neither Brandon nor his Mother (Barb) understand the meaning of the word inconsistent Add evidence in the form of parts of the show…paraphrase or direct quotes |
| **Body Para. 3** | **Body 3** |  |
| Topic Sentence  | Brandon’s public defender Len Kachinsky seems to be utterly incompetent. He works against Brandon’s best interests  |
| Evidence  | Kachinsky uses his defender in a bullying manner to collect another confession. It was like Kachinsky was working for the prosecution. Add evidence in the form of parts of the show…paraphrase or direct quotes |
|  | Conclusion | In the end is seems obvious that Brandon experienced a miscarriage of justice. His parents, intellect, and lawyer all conspire to create the conditions for a miscarriage of justice. In the end how can we expect justice to be served when the weakest amongst us are not treated fairly. Expand Expand Expand… |  |