Final Round: Toughness

Description: Visual **OR** Written Opinion Piece

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| **VISUAL Opinion Piece** | **WRITTEN Opinion Piece** |
| You must complete an organiser on the process outlining what you are going to do before you begin creating the opinion piece. | |
| Create an animated slideshow on PhotoStory about a tough person from history   * You must include an introduction. * Three aspects of the person’s toughness * And a conclusion   You must use relevant high resolution photographs and use narration and titles to break up the sections of your opinion piece. | Write 5 paragraph 300 word opinion piece about a tough person from history or your life   * You must include an introduction. * Three aspects of the persons toughness * And a conclusion   You must use descriptive written language and transitional words and phrases to break up the paragraphs of your opinion piece |
| **No plagiarism, copying, or cut and pasting please** | |

*Suggestions of tough people*

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| * Matt Long * Jake Lamotta * Roger Ebert * Joyce Milgaard * Ernest Henry Shackleton | * Terry Fox * Steve Jobs * Micheal J Fox * Aaron Ralston * Joan of Arc * Calamity Jane * Pat Tillman | * Hua Mulan * Leonidas I of Sparta * Hannibal of Carthage * Junko Tabei * Lance Mackey * Muhammad Ali |

**This assignment is due September 25, 2012.**

**Organiser:**

Your Opening Paragraph (or Opening Series of Photos) should contain your main idea

* This paragraph should tell the reader what you are going to say.
* This paragraph must contain your main idea.
* List these in point form below

Eric LeGrand is a person with a great deal of personal toughness. Legrand shows his toughness through his resilience, strength, and positive outlook.

Body Paragraph/Point One: Each piece of support later becomes a body paragraph

* Each body paragraph should have at least three points (images) that support the topic sentence
* List these in point form below

Body Paragraph/Point Two: Each piece of support later becomes a body paragraph

* Each body paragraph should have at least three points (images) that support the topic sentence
* List these in point form below

Body Paragraph/Point Three: Each piece of support later becomes a body paragraph

* Each body paragraph should have at least three points (images) that support the topic sentence
* List these in point form below

Conclusion:

(So What – Justify the importance of what you have written)

* Rephrase your main idea
* Summarize your main points
* Broaden your context by
  + Stress the outcome, or greater significance of your findings
  + Generalize about your topic
* List these in point form below

Writing an Opinion Essay

**Writing a Series of Paragraphs**

* Writing an opinion piece involves writing a series of paragraphs with a persuasive main idea.

**Opening Paragraph**

* *Tell the reader what you are going to say.*
* This paragraph must contain your main idea.

**Body Paragraph 1**

* Explain your second strongest argument to support your opinion

**Body Paragraph 3**

* Explain your strongest argument to support your opinion

**Body Paragraph 2**

* Explain your weakest argument to support your opinion

**Closing Paragraph**

* *Tell the reader what said.*
* In this paragraph you must restate your opinion in differently.
* **Summarize your ideas**

Writing an Opinion Essay

**Opening Paragraph**

Opening Invitation

*General*

* Your Opening Paragraph should contain your main idea
* It should present your main idea to your best advantage

Main Idea Statement

*Specific*

* The most emphatic place for your main idea is the last sentence of your opening paragraph
* Therefore your first sentence should be a general statement piquing the reader’s interest

Writing an Opinion Essay

**Body Paragraph**

* The body Paragraph is the standard paragraph. It is a little opinion piece in itself
* The topic sentence should hook into the paragraph above it
* Each body paragraph should have at least three points that support the topic sentence
* Conclude by restating your topic sentence in different words

Writing an Opinion Essay

**The Conclusion / End / Outro**

* If the beginning is a funnel the end is a funnel upside down
* The thought start moderately narrow and then pours out broader and broader—
  + Answers the so what question

How to do it

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