

"Someone Who Saw": The Article!



The narrator in "Someone Who Saw" resolves to share what he/she learned from Grandma. Your task is to write his/her article for the high school newspaper.

Writer's Purpose: Your purpose is to summarize the story, and to declare whether or not justice was served for Edmund Catlin. Your writing should not be emotional. Instead, you will make a strong and reasoned case to support your position.

Writer's Role: You will write as the high school student in the short story.

Audience: You will write for the high school newspaper's audience--other high school students, and their families.

Form: You will write a news article summarizing the story and expressing your opinion on whether or not justice was served for Edmund Catlin. It should be a multi-paragraph article with specific support using details and examples for your position.

Focus Correction Areas:

1. Clear thesis statement on the issue of justice for Edmund Catlin.
(Your thesis should have three elements: subject, position, and a reason or reasons for that position.)
2. Compelling support for your reasons.
3. Interesting, attention-grabbing lead.

Procedures: to prepare this article, you will take several steps:

1. Write six lines or more on your initial reaction to whether or not justice was served for Edmund Catlin. We will use this as a basis for a class discussion on the topic.
2. Complete the Focus Sheet for Developing a Thesis. This will be homework
3. Draft your letter. We will work next week on typing in the computer lab. **Your rough draft will be due at the end of that class.**
4. Read your draft in a "one-foot voice" (a voice that can be heard one foot away from you.) Make any changes you feel will improve your letter. This will be homework
5. Work with a partner to get feedback on your letter; double check your FCAs to make sure you have done a good job in those areas.

6. Write a second draft with all your improvements. We will book the computer lab for this work.

Name _____

Date _____

Was Justice Served For Edmund Catlin? Warm-Up Exercise

Write six lines or more explaining your thoughts on this topic.

