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***Literary Analysis Writing Task***

**Failure to turn in/ follow directions will result in deductions of up to 10 points.**

* Choose ONE of the following prompts to answer.
* You must write a fully developed paragraph of 5-12 sentences including topic sentences and support. You do not need to hand in a rough copy, but your ideas should be clearly organized and easily understood.
* It can be typed (doubled-spaced) or handwritten in ink on loose leaf (skip lines and do not write on the back).
* Always refer to the text(s) directly as you formulate your responses.
* Quotations must be identified by paragraph number.

**Prompt 1**

Think about how author’s tone impacts your understanding of Marks in “A Man Who Had No Eyes,” Michelle Carter in “Woman Sentenced to Fifteen Months in Texting Suicide Case,” and the bystanders in “Bill Would Make Recording and Posting Fight Videos Illegal.” Write a paragraph or two analyzing how tone and word choice provide the reader with insight into Marks’s, Carter’s, and the bystanders’ character. Use details from at least two texts to support your response.

What is the author’s tone?

* “A Man Who Had No Eyes” \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
  + What word choice supports this?
* “Woman Sentenced to Fifteen Months in Texting Suicide Case” \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
  + What word choice supports this?
* “Bill Would Make Recording and Posting Fight Videos Illegal” \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
  + What word choice supports this?

What is your opinion of Marks?

Why do you feel this way? Give specific evidence from the text.

What is your opinion of Michelle Carter?

Why do you feel this way? Give specific evidence from the text.

What is your opinion of the bystanders?

Why do you feel this way? Give specific evidence from the text.

**Prompt 2**

Think about the underlying themes of “A Man Who Had No Eyes,” “Woman Sentenced to Fifteen Months in Texting Suicide Case,” and “Bill Would Make Recording and Posting Fight Videos Illegal.” Write a paragraph or two analyzing how the authors build theme. Make connections between at least two texts/themes and use details from both texts to support your response.

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| “A Man Who Had No Eyes” | “Woman Sentenced to Fifteen Months in Texting Suicide Case” | “Bill Would Make Recording and Posting Fight Videos Illegal” |
| Tone  Character Traits  Conflict  Theme  Supporting evidence | Tone  Character Traits  Conflict  Theme  Supporting evidence | Tone  Character Traits  Conflict  Theme  Supporting evidence |
| What connections do you see between any of these texts/themes? | | |