



Emerging | Exemplar Essay

Protection or Privacy

Not a Free Country



Claim and Focus

The essay makes an overly simplistic claim ("The American public should not support the patriot act because it goes against people's privacy"). The writing does not maintain focus on the purpose or task ("It's funny to think of the government listening to an a hour long conversation of just like random girl gossip"). Counterclaims are not addressed.



Support and Evidence

The essay does not use clear or relevant evidence or reasoning to support the claim ("This means that anything and everything will be public and not private"). The writing demonstrates a limited understanding of the topic ("This doesn't sound like the actions of a free country") and uses very little evidence from the sources. Counterclaims are not acknowledged.



Organization

An introductory hook is present ("This happened very shortly after the terror attack on 9/11"), but a series of ideas loosely related to the Patriot Act follows without any clear transitions or connections. The essay moves from an explanation of the source material to an opinion without building an obvious organizational structure or including a definite conclusion.



Language and Style

The essay does not demonstrate a clear voice or perspective ("This doesn't sound like the actions of a free country"). Errors in conventions are minimal, but language choice is informal and not appropriate for the reader's interests. Word choice is uninteresting or poor ("anything and everything"), and sentence structures are simplistic and unvaried ("This happened," "This means," and "This doesn't").



Using Exemplars in Your Lessons

Exemplar essays are tools to take abstract descriptions and make them more concrete for students. One way to use them is to print the clean copies of the essays and allow students to use the rubric to make notes or even find examples of important elements of an essay - thesis statements, introductions, evidence, conclusions, transitions, etc. Teachers can also use exemplars to illustrate what each score point within a trait 'looks like' in an authentic student essay. For additional ideas, please see "25 Ways to Use Exemplar Essays" by visiting the Curriculum Resources page in Help.

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The USA patriot act is an Act of congress that was signed into law by President George W. Bush on October 26, 2001. This happened very shortly after the terror attack on 9/11. In source 2 it says about how places use the patriot act to get the phone records of people who have never even been in trouble for anything. This means that anything and everything will be public and not private.

The American public should not support the patriot act because it goes against people's privacy. I don't think you need to tap an innocent person's phone. It's funny to think of the government listening to an a hour long conversation of just like random girl gossip. This doesn't sound like the actions of a free country.



Notes
