

TWTTIN & Simon Birch Essay

Topic – What is friendship? What does friendship mean to you? What did friendship mean to Mark and Bryon? What did friendship mean to Joe and Simon in the movie?

Introduction

- introduce the topic
- get the reader's attention
- include a thesis – one sentence that tells the reader what your whole paper is about. This statement usually goes at the end of the first paragraph.
- **Thesis statement**—Three examples of friendship from the film *Simon Birch*, from the novel *That Was Then, This Is Now*, and from my own life are _____, _____, and _____.

Body

- middle of your paper
- The meat...
- **2nd paragraph**—discuss your 1st example of friendship. Explain what happened and give specific examples from the movie for support. You should also include why you believe this is an example of good friendship.
- **3rd paragraph**—discuss your 2nd example of friendship. Explain what happened and give specific examples from the movie for support. You should also include why you believe this is an example of good friendship.
- **4th paragraph**—discuss your 3rd example of friendship. Explain what happened and give specific examples from the movie for support. You should also include why you believe this is an example of good friendship.

Conclusion

- end your paper
- conclude your thoughts
- summarize the main points in your paper
- **5th paragraph**—conclude your thoughts on friendship. Restate your thesis in the first sentence.

Expectations

- MLA format & Works Cited
- Each paragraph must have at least 5-8 sentences.
- Focus Correction Sheet is complete and included.
- Thesis statement is starred. *
- Use at least 1 metaphor, 1 simile, and 1 onomatopoeia.
- Appearance is important...make this an example of your BEST work.

TWTTIN & Simon Birch Essay Rubric

MLA format	20
Works Cited	10
Content	50
Thesis & restate thesis	10
Paragraph structure	20
Sentence structure	15
Examples	15
Literary terms	15
Grammar	15
Spelling	10
Appearance	10
Title	10
TOTAL	200

***TWTTIN & Simon Birch* Essay Focus Correction Sheet**

My thesis statement is...

My first example of friendship is...

My second example of friendship is...

My third example of friendship is...

My metaphor is...

My simile is...

My example of onomatopoeia is...

Have your parent read your essay and offer a comment on the bottom of this form for a FREEBIE homework assignment.

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