

Definition Paragraph

Write a **definition paragraph** based on your theory about power. Use the claim/counterclaim work you did, and write a definition paragraph that defines the challenge or opportunity created by this aspect of power. State and explain its impact in a single social setting and on individuals in the setting.

YOUR PARAGRAPH SHOULD BE DETAILED! DO NOT LIMIT the necessary information to one sentence per stipulation in the outline below.

Outline

Topic Sentence: Claim

Context: Explain your perspective and how you came to this claim.

Example: Explain a specific example that supports your claim from daily life.

Example: Explain an extraordinary example that supports your claim.

State the counter claim: and argue against your claim.

Bring back your claim: to reinforce your position, strengthening your argument.

Conclude by restating your position.

EXAMPLE:

Courage evokes power in individuals to stand up for what one believes is right. In our society there are many negative and positive examples of courageous individuals who stand up for their beliefs. For each person taking a stand, there is a consequence. Regardless of the consequences, courage is a very powerful attribute in a social setting. One way courage is displayed in daily life is through heroic occupations, like that of a firefighter. A firefighter chose the career of fighting fire and saving people because he or she is courageous. The power of courage is displayed daily for these individuals. Another example of courage is that of a heroic person in a non-traditional form. One example is that of a courageous rebel in Germany during WWII, who refused government rule, and risked his or her own life hiding Jews. These individuals certainly evoke power through courage, by saving someone's life. The consequence for some meant death, but also a certain moral security to their beliefs. These extraordinary individuals portrayed the asset of courage in their social setting, sending a powerful message to our society of doing what is right, even if it meant sacrificing one's life. It is true that many would not take such a risk, and that courage is not something that all are born with. But this argument further supports the idea that courage evokes great power in a social setting. Doing what is right is not always easy. It certainly takes courage to step outside of the comfort zone so many of us live in and to stand up for what we believe in. Therefore, when people can find courage in themselves, power is created within their confidence and within their relationships and impact on others.