“Gentlemen Your Verdict”- Tigers of the Snow pg. 21

A position statement is one that you take a position of agreeing or disagreeing with. For this story you will be asked to formulate an opinion before you read the story and then afterwards, as if you were the author. For the purpose of this assignment you must take the position that if you agree with the position, that you would always agree, no matter what the circumstances. If there is even one situation that would cause you to change your position you must disagree.

Before reading the story: Agree or disagree with each of these position statements using your own personal opinions and experiences. Follow the example for writing each answer.

Example of how to write them up:

For each position statement use the following headings to answer them in full sentences.

*Position statement*: Teenage drivers are always unsafe.

*Agree or Disagree*- I disagree with this statement.

*Reason*- (point form) they usually have more training

*Sentence for reason*: Many teenage drivers have had more training than older drivers have had.

*Example*- (point form) Take driver’s education- learn preventative steps to avoid dangerous driving

*Sentence for example*: For instance, many teens take drivers education which teaches them how to prevent accidents and avoid dangerous driving errors.

*Explanation*- (point form) makes them more aware-less likely to have an accident

*Sentence for explanation*: Since teens who take these types of courses are more aware of the dangers they are less likely to have an accident, which makes them safer drivers.

Position statements for “Gentlemen your Verdict”- Form a position on each of the following statements and write it up as shown above for each one.

1. The unknown is always scary.
2. You should always try to save everyone no matter what the circumstances.
3. You should always follow orders.
4. The lives of people with families are more important than the lives of those without families.
5. It is better for a few to survive than no one.

Read the story now.

After reading the story: Reformulate an opinion on each of the above position statements as if you were the author of the story. Use reasons and examples from the story to explain your answers. Follow the example for how to write up your answer .