Position statements- Our stories

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.

Statement: You learn everything you need to know in school.

Opinion: I disagree with this statement.

Reason point form: learn from our parents

Reason sentence: One reason that this statement is untrue is that we also learn from our parents.

Example point form: how to tell good from bad

Example sentence: For example, our parents teach us how to tell the difference between right and wrong.

Explanation point form: if we didn't learn this we could get in trouble, like jail

Explanation sentence: Since knowing right from wrong helps us keep out of trouble, and stay out of jail, its obvious we learn important lessons outside of school.

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Before the story: Formulate an opinion on each of the following position statements. Use reasons, examples and explanations to support your opinion. Follow the example for how to write up your answer.

1. Stories and traditions are the foundation of first nations culture.

2. We learn the most by listening.

3. Stereotypes can be hurtful.

4. We must maintain a balance of positive and negative thoughts in our lives.

5. Being proud of yourself makes you stronger.

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 .

Position statement composition assignment-

Choose one of the following writing prompts and write a 1 1/2 - 2 page composition, following all the writing steps (brainstorm/organize/outline/rough copy/editing/good copy). All steps must be handed in.

Choices

1. Write about a time or series of incidents where being proud of who you are has helped you in life. (real or hypothetical)

2. Write about a time or series of times where being stereotyped has hurt you or someone you know.

3. Write about how stories and traditions have helped you learn more about who you are.

4. Write about a time or series of times where listening has helped you learn.

5. Write about how you balance the positives and the negatives in your life, and how it helps you in your life.