

Introduction Outline

Introduction Sample:

Antigone by Sophocles is a play about personal ethical and moral issues versus those of society. Antigone breaks the law by burying her brother who was considered a traitor to the state. Because of this decision, she herself is sentenced to death. Antigone thought it was more important to follow her ethical and moral inclinations rather than follow the law set forth by the king, Creon. In the documentary, A Tree Falls, those that fought for the rights of the environment used tactics such as arson that some feel rise to the level of terrorism to stand up for what they believed were ethically and morally correct. "A Peaceful Woman Explains Why She Carries a Gun" is an essay by Linda Hasseltrom that explains why she feels gun rights should not be stricter going against what most in society feel is morally and ethically incorrect. **There are times when it is important to go against what society deems is morally and ethically wrong to do what a person feels is right.**

Topic sentence: Even though society usually sets laws or the standard as to what is considered morally and ethically right, a person must consider their own feelings and personal beliefs when deciding to follow those laws or set standards.

- **Discuss the section where Antigone is trying to convince Ismene to help her bury their brother. Use the reasons she gave to Ismene to prove that laws are meant to be broken if it goes against your personal beliefs and standards.**

Commentary:

- **Use the arson scene of burning the building of the logging company to prove that the Earth Liberation Front members were so passionate about saving trees and the environment that they willingly broke the law.**

Commentary:

Topic sentence: One's personal convictions and experiences should trump what others feel is moral and ethical.