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Reading Response Paper #4

Of the two articles we are to read, I will be summarizing one of those articles. The article of topic I've chose to read was "Prove Your Case: A New Approach to Teaching Research Papers," by Stephen L. Broskoske. The purpose of this article was to make known that if college freshman are given a sense of direction and idea about a research paper molded into a certain way, the quality of their research papers would be much greater. According to the abstract of the article, "this article presents a new approach to teaching the process of writing research papers to college freshmen. Instructors explain the analogy that a student writing a research paper is like a lawyer defending a court case: lawyers frame their case (as students define their topic), search out evidence (as students search for sources), present the evidence (as students write the paper), and make a closing argument (as students draw a conclusion)" (Broskoke 31).

The author goes into further detail explaining how students lack the knowledge of how to present the information being written in the paper. He also mentions that it is full of opinions and biased information. He claims with a sense of directions students comprehend the assignment better before beginning. He presents the analogy of "writing a research paper is like a lawyer defending a court case...I draw out the analogy in terms of how lawyers frame their case (as the students define their topic), search out evidence (as the students search for sources), present the

evidence (as the students write the paper), and make the closing argument (as students draw a conclusion). I find that if I frame their thinking in this way, the students write better papers” (Broskoke 31). This article will be helpful towards the upcoming paper because it is about college writing. Not only did the author survey other professors, but students as well, testing out the theory with data provided. The information can be persuasive due to the data presented in the article.

Works Cited

- 1) “Prove Your Case: A New Approach to Teaching Research Papers,” by Stephen L. Broskoske, *College Teaching*, Vol. 55, No. 1 (Winter, 2007), pp. 31-32.

