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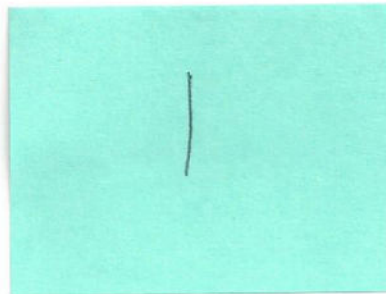
In My opinion,Esperanza is wrong about America.In Gold country,the boy says "He gave it to me." Singing with open mouths.In Asparagus Miguel said "at least here i have a chance,no matter how small."She needs more optimism in her life.

Optimism is something everyone needs.Esperanza doesn't have optimism.In I hear America singing,everyone is optimistic.In Asparagus,everyone is happy.Thats the way it should be.

In Asparagus,Isabel is optimistic.In Gold country,the boy is happy.In I hear America singing,everyone is happy.In Asparagus,everyone but Esperanza is happy and optimistic.Now thats Optimism.

In Asparagus,everyone is optimistic.In Gold Country,the boy meets a nice American.In I hear America singing,he hears happiness.In Asparagus,Esperanza shouldn't be upset or angry.She has no reason to be mad or upset.

In my opinion Esperanza is wrong.Oh so very wrong.Agree with me.Please agree with me.Esperanza is wrong.Everyone else is right.



Opinion/Argument Writing

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Opinion Essay: Score 1 (Grade 5)

Student clearly states his/her opinion, however, the essay as a whole does not demonstrate all the features of opinion writing. For example, cited evidence is not explained and is undeveloped. Student does not expand on how cited evidence from the other readings connects or supports his/her opinion.

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The Fake American Dream

American is a land of opportunity and fairness this, this is a lie continue reading this to find out the truth. In "Esperanza Rising" Esperanza, her Mama, and some of Esperanza's friends go to American to have a better life after Esperanza's Papa dies but all hope fades after they realize that this dream is a lie. Esperanza's opinion is right because America is not a place of fairness and opportunity for everyone.

"In town parents did not want their children going to the same school's with Mexican's because they think that all mexican are just dirty, poor and ,uneducated." All the Americans think of the mexicans as a big brown skinned group of people who are only good at manual labor.

At the school Isabel goes to there is a play called "Queen of the May" and Isbel will never be Queen of the May because she is mexican."Melina told me that last year a Japanese girl had the best marks in the third grade and still did not choose her".They always choose one of the English speakers with blonde hair and blue eyes.

People from Oklahoma came and They said "We will work for less money" and all of them where hired. "Some of them have never even worked on a motor before boss said he did not need me I could dig ditches or lay tracks if I wanted".The people from Oklahoma had a camp the Oakies had a pool which the mexicans can only go in on fridays, they have hot water, and they have inside bathrooms the Mexicans have no pool,no hot water, and no inside bathroom.

America is a place of unfairness and unequal opportunity for everyone therefore

Esperanza's opinion is correct. Based on the story "Esperanza Rising" darker skinned people are ridiculed because of their race and are treated unfairly. None of them have the same chance for homes and jobs. What will have to change for this injustice nightmare to turn into a dream for Immigrants?

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Opinion Essay: Score 2 (Grade 5)

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During the time the story takes place, America was not a place of fairness and opportunity. It wasn't a place of fairness and opportunity because they had discrimination and racism. Another reason is that poor people were not treated as well as the wealthy. Mexicans were not treated right just because they are Mexican.

America was not a place of fairness and opportunity because Mexicans were discriminated against because of their race. For instance in "Asparagus" it says, "Isabel will certainly not be queen no matter how badly she wants it because she is Mexican. You cannot work on engines because you are Mexican." This shows that Mexicans were not treated fairly. According to "I, Too" it says, "They send me to eat in the kitchen when company comes," This explains that just because of their race, they are suddenly less than other people. Apparently if you are poor you're less than others too.

America was also not a place of fairness and opportunity because you were also discriminated against if you were poor. I know this because "Justice In Eatonville" says, "His mama's family were poor sharecroppers and they didn't need another mouth to feed, so he was raised working for white folks, but like a slave, not like a child." This shows that just because he was poor, he was treated badly. According to "Asparagus" it says, "Miguel, Do you not understand? You are still a second class citizen..." This explains that they are second class citizens just because they are poor. America used to treat people unfairly because of their race, and it they were poor.

America was not a place of fairness and opportunity because they treated people unfairly for despicable reasons. Just like how they weren't treated fairly because they were Mexican. They also weren't treated fairly because they were poor. Now don't you think some people were treated unfairly back then?

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In my Opinion, Esperanza is correct in her view of America, it is not a place of fairness and opportunity. The American dream was not accessible to everyone. Due to racism, slavery, and injustice, America is not the golden land of opportunity for everyone. In "Asparagus", "Justice in Eatonville", and "I Too", the characters have also realized and experienced how devastating the discrimination in America can be.

America is not treating people that have different colored skin as equals. This theme appears a lot in the poem "I Too" by Langston Hughes and the excerpt "Asparagus" by Pam Munoz Ryan. In "I Too" Hughes says, "I am the darker brother, they send me to eat in the kitchen when company comes." The white people are treating the darker people like lesser beings. In "Asparagus" Esperanza said, "You cannot work on the engines because you are Mexican." The white "Okies" got priority because of the color of their skin.

America was definitely not a land of opportunity for slaves. They worked at the mercy of white families for no pay. In "Justice in Eatonville", he says, "he was raised working for white folks, but like a slave, not like a child." The whites were so cold hearted that they made a child grow up "feeling like a whipping post." Slavery contributed to inequality which is the opposite of opportunity.

Many people believed that America was a place of fairness, that is definitely not true. In "Asparagus", the Mexicans "can only swim on Friday afternoons, before they clean the pool on Saturday mornings." The reason that they did that is because they thought the Mexicans were "dirtier than the others." This is clearly an injustice because a whole culture of people were thought to be dirty. Not to mention the fact that they couldn't even use the inside toilets or the hot water.

I agree with Esperanza, America has made its fair share of mistakes. America was racist, it enforced slavery, and treated some of its people with injustice. America used to be prejudice and discriminating, but fortunately for us, America has improved a lot since then.

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Opinion Essay: Score 4 (Grade 5)

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