

Arguments of Judgment



Organizing an essay



J.G. design of 1792.

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A VOLUPTUARY under the horrors of Digestion.

Introduction (Paragraph 1)



- ∞ Hook draws the reader into argument.
- ∞ Background Information sets the scene for the audience and connects the hook to the thesis statement. Provides a context for your thesis statement.
- ∞ Thesis Statement = Claim + Reasons (criteria)

Not every leader is a good leader. The Prince of Wales is one such leader, as we can see in a 1792 portrait of him. In the picture, “The Voluptuary” by James Gillray, the Prince of Wales is sitting slouched in a chair and picking his teeth with a fork, a huge half-eaten carcass is on the table. His foot is tangled in the tablecloth and his buttons are undone around his enormous midsection. Scattered on the ground are alcohol bottles, food, and his Debts of Honor book. Behind him is an overflowing vomitorium sitting on top of unpaid bills to various merchants. On a small table are numerous medicines and cures. After looking at Gillray’s portrait, I believe the Prince of Wales would make a bad king because he is not a good money manager, he is not organized, and he is self indulgent.

Body Paragraph 1 (Paragraph 2)

After looking at Gillray's portrait, I believe the Prince of Wales would make a bad king because he is not a good money manager, he is not organized, and he is self indulgent.



- ⌘ Topic Sentence (reason or criteria number one from your thesis statement).
- ⌘ Evidence and warrant
- ⌘ Connection back to Reason 1 and Claim

First, the Prince is unfit to be king because he is a poor money manager. We know this because there are unpaid bills under the vomitorium. As a rule, someone who doesn't care about paying their bills just throws them around. A good money manager would care where his bills are so he could pay them. It obviously doesn't bother him that the merchants need the money he owes them. Gillray includes another crucial piece of evidence by showing the Debts Honor book and dice at the Prince's feet. Most artists will put important items at the forefront of the picture, Gillray wants his audience to know that the Prince is a gambler and may even be addicted to gambling. Usually, gamblers lose money. Most likely, when he becomes king, the prince will use the country's money to support his habit and the people and country will suffer.

--AJ

Body Paragraph 2 (Paragraph 3)

After looking at Gillray's portrait, I believe the Prince of Wales would make a bad king because he is not a good money manager, he is not organized, and he is self indulgent.



- ❧ Topic Sentence (reason or criteria number two from your thesis statement).
- ❧ Evidence and warrant
- ❧ Connection to reason 2 and claim

Second, the prince would not make a good leader because he is unorganized. You can see he is unorganized because his room is a mess. He has food, bottles, books, and bills scattered around the room. Usually people who are unorganized don't care where they put their things. As a rule, a person who is unorganized is not prepared. A good leader should be organized and prepared for anything. -SB

Body Paragraph 3 Paragraph 4

After looking at Gillray's portrait, I believe the Prince of Wales would make a bad king because he is not a good money manager, he is not organized, and he is self indulgent.



- ☞ Topic Sentence (reason or criteria number three from your thesis statement).
- ☞ Evidence and warrant
- ☞ Connection to reason 3 and claim

Third, the prince is selfish. Not only does the prince have an overflowing vomitorium in his room, he also has a half-eaten carcass on the table. Further evidence that he overindulges himself is the fact that he can't even button his clothes. Vomitoriums are used by those that are addicted to food. He eats until he can't eat anymore, then throws it up so he can eat more. He has also accrued debt and bills that he probably isn't going to pay because the bills are all over the floor and under the vomitorium. A person who leaves their bills laying around doesn't care about the people he owes money to. From this evidence we can see that the prince is self absorbed. A self absorbed leader would only think about his own needs and not the needs of his people. His people would suffer. -RH

Body Paragraph 4 (Paragraph 5)



- ❧ Topic Sentence (Counter argument).
- ❧ Evidence and warrant
- ❧ Connection back to thesis

In spite of all this evidence showing that the prince would not make a good leader, some might say, “Well, he has to be the king, he has royal blood.” It’s true. Tradition states that because a king has royal blood he must have a divine right to be king. As a rule, most people are okay with this method of selecting a king; however, it doesn’t have to be that way. Even if blood related, blood doesn’t necessarily determine good leadership attributes. The Prince of Wales is not a good money manager, he is unorganized and he doesn’t care about others. He has not been trained well.

-JA

Conclusion (Paragraph 6)

After looking at Gillray's portrait, I believe the Prince of Wales would make a bad king because he is not a good money manager, he is not organized, and he is self indulgent.



☞ Restate Thesis in different words

☞ Offer a recommendation

As you can see, the Prince of Wales isn't fit to be king because he would destroy the economy of the country, leave the country in disarray and only worry about himself and not the needs of his people. I believe his being king would be disastrous for England. He should be replaced with a king that can make smart decisions, is a good money-manager, is prepared and is selfless.

-CR