Final Round: Toughness

Description: Written Opinion Piece

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| **WRITTEN Opinion Piece** |
| You must complete an essay that outlines what you are going to do before you begin creating the opinion piece.  |
| Write a 5-paragraph 300 word opinion piece about a tough person from history* You must include an introduction.
* Three aspects of the person’s toughness (one aspect per body paragraph; 3 body paragraphs in total)
* A conclusion

You must use descriptive written language and transitional words and phrases to break up the paragraphs of your opinion piece. |
| **No plagiarism, copying, or cut and pasting** |

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| Suggestions of ‘tough’ people: |
| * Matt Long
* Jake Lamotta
* Roger Ebert
* Joyce Milgaard
* Lance Armstrong
* Ernest Henry Shackleton
 | * Terry Fox
* Steve Jobs
* Micheal J Fox
* Aaron Ralston
* Joan of Arc
* Calamity Jane
* Pat Tillman
 | * Hua Mulan
* Leonidas I of Sparta
* Hannibal of Carthage
* Junko Tabei
* Lance Mackey
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This assignment is due **Friday December 22.**

You will have 3 ½ days of class time to complete this assignment.

**Organiser:**

Your Opening Paragraph (or Opening Series of Photos) should contain your main idea

* This paragraph should tell the reader what you are going to say.
* This paragraph must contain your main idea.
* List these in point form below



Body Paragraph/Point One: Each piece of support later becomes a body paragraph

* Each body paragraph should have at least three points (images) that support the topic sentence
* List these in point form below



Body Paragraph/Point Two: Each piece of support later becomes a body paragraph

* Each body paragraph should have at least three points (images) that support the topic sentence
* List these in point form below



Body Paragraph/Point Three: Each piece of support later becomes a body paragraph

* Each body paragraph should have at least three points (images) that support the topic sentence
* List these in point form below



Conclusion:

(So What – Justify the importance of what you have written)

* Rephrase your main idea
* Summarize your main points
* Broaden your context by
	+ Stress the outcome, or greater significance of your findings
	+ Generalize about your topic
* List these in point form below



Writing an Opinion Essay

**Writing a Series of Paragraphs**

* Writing an opinion piece involves writing a series of paragraphs with a persuasive main idea.











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**Opening Paragraph**

* Your Opening Paragraph should contain your main idea
* It should present your main idea to your best advantage
* The most emphatic place for your main idea is the last sentence of your opening paragraph
* Therefore your first sentence should be a general statement piquing the reader’s interest

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**Body Paragraph**

* The body Paragraph is the standard paragraph. It is a little opinion piece in itself
* The topic sentence should hook into the paragraph above it
* Each body paragraph should have at least three points that support the topic sentence
* Conclude by restating your topic sentence in different words

Writing an Opinion Essay

**The Conclusion / End / Outro**

* If the beginning is a funnel the end is a funnel upside down
* The thought start moderately narrow and then pours out broader and broader—
	+ Answers the so what question

How to do it

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