



2003 MCAS Alternate Assessment/MCAS Performance Appeals
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Student's name & date of completion:

5-7-03

Accuracy: 90%

Independence: 85%

Setting: In school (special education classroom)

Person(s) who assisted student: teacher, teacher aide

Brief teacher notes on assignment: Sam was told to discuss each of the main characters from the play and their relationship to each other

The play The Glass Menagerie was filled with a lot of drama from the characters

Laura, Amanda, Tom, and Jim were very different. Laura was very shy and kept to herself. Amanda was very opinionated and outgoing. Tom was argumentative with his mother, but he got along with other people. Jim was there to open up Laura's eyes to reality.

Laura is Amanda's daughter. Laura had a bad leg, which caused her to walk with a limp. Laura quit business school and would go to museums to keep her busy. Her most prized possession was her Glass Menagerie. The unicorn was her favorite glass figurine, because she related to it since it was different.

Laura is very nice, sweet, kind, and as delicate as the Glass Menagerie itself. She never did anything to hurt anyone because she was so shy. Laura really cared about her brother a lot. She would talk to him and see what was on his mind and make sure he was all right.

Amanda, the mother in this play, was the complete opposite of her daughter Laura. She came from the South, and by her tone you could tell she was spoiled. When she came up north, though, she lost most of her money and was struggling to get what she could. She was always into Laura's and Tom's business, and that would really irritate the kids. Amanda had gone through a lot, since her husband, Laura and Tom's dad, had left them and never returned, so that did not help them out at all financially. Amanda depended on Tom a lot to be the moneymaker of the family.

Tom, Amanda's son, is a strong willed man. He had a big dream of escaping the madness he was living in with his mother. He loves reading, writing poetry, and making

new adventures. With his mother always watching his every move, it was hard on Tom, and he would end up arguing with his mother. It had gotten so bad that Tom eventually left, like his father, and never returned.

Tom brought over his best friend Jim to meet his sister Laura. They seemed to get along with each other, as Jim made conversation by talking about her glass figurines. Jim also made Laura feel normal, and when he kissed her it really made her feel special. With the help of Jim's visit Laura finally realizes that she is just as normal as everyone else. Amanda knew that Jim accepted Laura for who she was and thought that Jim would be the man to marry her daughter. When Amanda hints to Jim about her feelings, Jim makes it clear that they are just friends. As Jim is leaving, it is clear that Laura now has a different view on life and even gives Jim one of her treasured glass figures.

These four characters in The Glass Menagerie are very different from one another. One has dreams, the other is outgoing, and another keeps to herself. The last character, Jim, was there to help Laura realize that she is just as normal as everyone else. The variety of the characters makes the play interesting.

*good character descriptions -- glad
you liked this play!*

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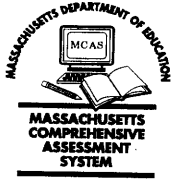
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say this without using slang!

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These three characters in The Glass Menagerie are very different from one another. ^{One has a} ~~Some have~~ ^{the other is} ~~others are~~ ^{another} ~~out going,~~ ^{herself.} ~~and some keep~~ ^{one word} ~~to themselves.~~ The variety of the characters makes the play interesting.

② You discussed the characters in good detail. Also discuss how Jim entered on the scene-- what did this mean to Laura, & to Amanda? Now that Jim is out of the picture at the end, what do you think will happen? Why was Jim so important to Amanda? Why was he so important to Laura?

(You'll probably have to re-do your intro & conclusion after inserting this info.)



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Assignment:
Sam was asked to create a persuasive essay, with supporting evidence, documentation and citation, of an issue he has strongly feeling about.

Capital Punishment: Legalized Murder

Capital Punishment is legalized murder. Like many other people, I do not agree with the death penalty. There are many reasons why the death penalty is wrong. First of all, two wrongs do not make a right. Killing someone for killing another is murder in itself. So why does the government continue to promote this legal act of murder?

To some the death penalty is just revenge. Vengeance is not justice; it is immoral to execute anyone who kills another human being. The Bible tells us this in the Ten Commandments: "Thou shall not kill". On October 1, 1993, when Marc Klaas, father of 12 year old Polly Klaas, discovered that his daughter was kidnapped from a slumber party and killed, he fully endorsed vengeance via the death penalty. Mr. Klaas used to believe that the death penalty was cruel and unusual punishment, but he realized "you don't rehabilitate a psychopath." Klaas wanted to witness the execution of Davis. "I'd like my eye to be the last thing he sees, just as his eyes were the last thing my child saw," said Klaas (Gottfried 42).

When the Supreme Court lifted the suspension on capital punishment in 1976, it listed two social purposes: deterrence and retribution. Capital punishment fails as a deterrent because murderers don't expect to get caught, or they are incapable of thinking rationally. This shows that the death penalty is not a deterrent of cruel crimes such as murder and is not an effective law enforcement tool. Supporters of the death penalty will claim that the death penalty saves money. Inmates who have been convicted of crimes that deserve the death penalty have been waiting on death row for as much as 25 years. How does murdering inmates save money when they have been on death row for so many

years? "In 1995, a total of 3,054 prisoners were sentenced to death. Of these individuals, only 56 were actually executed. It is hard to fear for your death when there is a very small risk of actually dying" (Williams 121).

Steven E. Landsburg, author of, *Does Crime Pay? Yes, for Those Who Don't Wince at the Small Chance of a Big Punishment*, maintains that a higher conviction rate deters more murders than executions do. Potential killers are more likely to avoid murder if they face larger odds of convictions rather than smaller chances of execution. "While executions do discourage homicides, they are about half as effective as convictions in preventing murders" (Williams 145). A higher conviction rate is a much stronger deterrent than the death penalty. Executions may prevent some murders, but convictions prevent even more murders. The death penalty actually increases the violent crime rate in the United States

Wrongful executions are likely to occur. The guilty will die, obviously, but occasionally so will the innocent. This sometimes lead to discrimination. Both the race of the defendant and the race of the victim matters when it comes to death sentences. The death penalty is discriminatory. "Those who kill white people are more than four times as likely to be sentenced to death than those who kill black people" (Gottfried 99).

In conclusion, I believe the facts stated about against capital punishment are sufficient evidence against a cruel and unusual punishment. These ideas are regarded by many to be wrong and unjust. I fully believe that capital punishment is immoral.

Student's Name

*Nicely supported arguments
for your position,*

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This topic does not relate to the rest of your paragraph. In this paragraph, you discuss how convictions prevent murders. You don't at all mention data to support that the death penalty increases violent crime in the U.S.!

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Do you have statistics of any kind to support this statement? It will make your claim much stronger if you can find some (there's lots of data out there!)

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Statistics to prove? That would really make your claim convincing!

+ quicker executions?

Why do you believe this? Explain.

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Did you find the statistic somewhere
say: "According to those who kill white people, etc."

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tell us where in the Bible (quote!)

source for this?

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This paragraph shows how some people believe the death penalty is okay. This paragraph works better if you place it earlier in your essay, before you give the reasons why you're against it.

Provide the sources of your statistics; examples in a works cited, using proper format. Statistics/data to back up your claims really helps to strengthen your statements!

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DEATH PENALTY

- I am against it
- In the bible it says not to kill
- It's murder
- Two wrongs don't make a right
- It is not a deterrent
 - might lower crime rate but will not get rid of it
 - not a law enforcement tool
- what gives the gov't the right to kill somebody.
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