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Subject: Constructive Criticism

Posted by [MrBob](#) on Sun, 31 Jul 2005 22:27:18 GMT

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<http://www.theoriginalmrbob.com/Research.pdf>

This is my research paper for English class. It's a thesis-driven paper based on Star Wars: A New Hope. It's only 5-6 pages long (Short for a college paper and longest one so far, I'm lucky), but that's what the teacher wanted. They're only four assertions, but I think it'll work out. I worked hard to make it all connect. I'm really into the subject of the paper, so I'd like to post it on my (we)blog once I turn it in.

I'm asking for input here, especially from people like Java and Warranto.

Thanks

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Subject: Re: Constructive Criticism

Posted by [bandie63](#) on Sun, 31 Jul 2005 22:37:07 GMT

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That is really good! Can I show it to my Minister? I might actually pay attention during the sermon for once!

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Subject: Re: Constructive Criticism

Posted by [msgtpain](#) on Sun, 31 Jul 2005 23:26:04 GMT

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MrBob, are you supposed to be using APA or MLA format? Most of it reads well, I found a few sentences which didn't flow well or where I would have added a comma, etc.; but not too many. Go through and remove all the contractions, it is instead of it's, they are instead of they're.. not supposed to use them in formal writing. If you post a .doc, I'm sure we could proof it for you.

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Subject: Re: Constructive Criticism

Posted by [MrBob](#) on Mon, 01 Aug 2005 00:02:21 GMT

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It's supposed to be MLA. I fixed the contractions and updated the PDF. I also put up the paper in .doc and .sxw. Thanks for catching those! Thanks for your input.

<http://www.theoriginalmrbob.com/Research.doc>

<http://www.theoriginalmrbob.com/Research.sxw>

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bandie: You can show it to your minister, but you might want to wait until the final draft (The teacher will look at it on Monday). Also leave credit where credit is due. But other than that, it's no problem! In fact, it's a really good thing!

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Subject: Re: Constructive Criticism  
Posted by [warranto](#) on Mon, 01 Aug 2005 01:51:56 GMT  
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Brief note: the last 2 links are a 404, so I'm basing this on what is written in the first post.

Overall, it's an interesting piece. I do think that instead of speaking primarily from a Star Wars perspective, you should bring in other sources that support your ideas. I forget who said it, but one philosopher I THINK it was Kant, but I'm not sure) stated that in order to grow, we must first experience pain. Siting examples such as birth (the doctor makes us cry, so that we may learn to breathe) and love. This fits in well with your statement: "In order to "find" one's life and destiny, the current life must be "lost" or forsaken."

Don't forget that in the "destiny" of it all, Luke did, in fact, join the dark side for a short period of time (Star Wars ep. 6). As well, Darth Vader did eventually forsake his master, and rejoined the light side, sacrificing himself in the process (ep. 6 as well). With the release of ep. 3, you could also bring in the similarities as to how Anakin sided with the dark side, and how Luke experienced the exact same thing later on (Duel with the current Darth, defeating him, and the emperor stating that he must be killed - though with Luke it was to "complete his transformation"), and what both people decided on, and how Anakin's decision went against what people said his destiny was, that being to "bring balance to the force".

One other point that you may wish to spend some time on is the specifics of the eastern religious philosophies of the "chakra"/"Chi"/etc. and how the disbelief of their existence mimics what people how people feel of the Force.

Then: read this, and see if there is anything that would help  
[http://www.geocities.com/warofficr/knowning\\_knowledge\\_and\\_belief.doc](http://www.geocities.com/warofficr/knowning_knowledge_and_belief.doc)

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Subject: Re: Constructive Criticism  
Posted by [SuperFlyingEngi](#) on Mon, 01 Aug 2005 18:13:49 GMT  
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wtf no pictures?

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Subject: Re: Constructive Criticism  
Posted by [Jecht](#) on Mon, 01 Aug 2005 21:48:09 GMT  
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lol, best comment out of you all year.

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Subject: Re: Constructive Criticism  
Posted by [MrBob](#) on Tue, 02 Aug 2005 02:41:37 GMT  
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Again, thanks for your help guys, I really appreciate it.

The teacher looked at it today and gave me some minor corrections. It's due on Wednesday, please bless me.

If any of you need some academic help, I strongly suggest you post it. In fact, maybe Crimson could post a forum for schoolwork. It could help shed much needed light that gamers and computer enthusiasts aren't illiterate nitwads.

Gah, I sound so "intellectual." Make it stop!

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