

## **“It Happened on a Friday” Analysis Quick Write**

Over the past several days we have read about characters/people placed in situations deemed unfair by others. Pick either “It Happened on a Friday” or one of the news articles and discuss the following:

**How does the author make the reader/audience feel pity? Use text evidence to prove your points. Please include at least 2 specific examples to highlight your thoughts.**

Your quick write only needs to be 1- 1 ½ pages long, so don't be too wordy - get to the point and be concise. Below is an outline if you need help.

### **I. Introduction**

**Issue-** Did you state a big problem/idea/issue? This is basically a theme, a lesson or message about life in general you can learn from the story/article.

**Link-** Did you connect the issue to the story? Did you show how the story is linked to the issue/theme? You should write 2-3 sentences showing/explaining how the story gets the message of the theme across.

**Thesis-** Your thesis should basically read “The author makes the reader feel pity for \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_.”

### **II. Body Paragraph 1**

**Topic Sentence-** The topic sentence should be the first reason from your thesis. It should include something about pity/sympathy/feeling sorry for...

**Proof-** Did you provide text evidence in the form of a quote? Did you lead into your quote with your own words? (You should never start a sentence with a quote; use your own words, then add the quote. **For example: *Because Ashley forgot to wash the laundry, her sister had to rummage “through the pile of laundry on the couch” to find something to wear.*** Notice that the quote from the story is completely inside my own words?

**Explain-** Did you explain your text evidence or the importance of your evidence?

**Proof-** Did you provide another piece text evidence? Did you lead into your quote with your own words?

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### **III. Conclusion**

Is your conclusion at least 3 sentences?

Do you restate your thesis statement?

Do you have final comments about the issue/problem?

Do you revisit your proof? Reiterate how it proves the author made the reader feel pity.