

Learner's purpose: To describe an interesting character from a novel and explain why they are interesting.

Audience: Teacher

Essay question:

Describe an interesting character in the novel "Tomorrow When The War Began" by John Marsden, and explain why they are interesting.

- ① ⑤ Ellie, the narrator, was an interesting character. Ellie is a tomboy, a farm girl that lives in Australia. She's 16 and she knows how to drive. In the novel Ellie tells her side of the story, so everything is about her – what she does and her perspective. Her thoughts are really open minded and she says things straight up about what she is thinking. I thought Ellie was interesting because she was brave and also because she was rough.
- ② ⑥ Ellie is brave because there is no one else like her. Out of the seven teenagers she basically holds everyone together. She is so brave that she drives the dump truck. Even I wouldn't do that. I think she is brave because she cares about people and wants to save the people that have been captured. With her type of attitude she will beat the invaders.
- ③ ⑦ Also, Ellie is a rough tomboy girl. She does what boys do – rough adventurous things. She loved working on the farm and enjoyed driving the trucks and diggers before the war. But during the war she killed a lot of people by driving a gasoline tanker under a bridge and blowing it up. She did this so she and her friends would be able to escape from the invaders. I think she teaches us that every girl should be a tomboy. She is not always rough though as she falls in love with Lee.
- ④ Overall, my opinion of Ellie is that she would be an awesome friend. She would be fun to be around because she is brave and rough and so she does fun and interesting things. She is also responsible and so she would protect you when you couldn't protect yourself and she wouldn't be afraid to help you in a dangerous situation.