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We have read Nothing But the Truth by Avi in class. At the end of the book, as you know, Miss Narwin took a leave of absence from teaching. Your writing prompt: Should Miss Narwin have taken a leave of absence?

When determining whether you are for or against Miss Narwin’s leave of absence, consider the following information:

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| **Evidence in favor of her leave of absence:** | **Evidence against her leave of absence:** |
| * Miss Narwin’s credibility had been destroyed in the press.
* Miss Narwin never contacted the parent to explain the situation to them.
* Miss Narwin has been teaching for 21 years and some believed it was time for her to retire.
* Her leave of absence protects the district from lawsuits, diminishing reputation, etc.
 | * Philip didn’t tell the whole truth to his parents about why he was kicked out of class.
* The reporters didn’t have accurate information in the reporting of the story.
* Miss Narwin was enforcing the school policy of standing in silence during the National Anthem.
* The parents never called Miss Narwin to see her perspective on what was happening.
* Other students said that Miss Narwin was nice and they liked her class.
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**Assessment**

Write an essay to argue **for or against** Miss Narwin’s leave of absence. Include reasons and evidence to support your position. Be sure to consider the other side of the argument (address counterclaims).

Think about the most effective way to organize your essay. You will want to include a beginning with claim, middle, and end with enough relevant detail.

**Remember that a formal argumentative essay should be written in the 3rd person (not include “I” or “me” anywhere in your writing).**

Your claim on Miss Narwin’s leave of absence: (Hint: Miss Narwin should/should not have taken a leave of absence). \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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|  3 reasons to support your claim: |
| 1. |
| 2. |
| 3.  |

The counterclaim to your argument: Some people may feel that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
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|  2 reasons to support your counterclaim: |
| 1. |
| 2. |

**Essay Outline:**

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First paragraph –

1. Introduce the situation – 3 to 4 sentences about what the book is about

(Hint: Nothing But the Truth is a novel about ….)

1. State your claim

(Hint: Miss Narwin (should/should not) have taken a leave of absence).

Second paragraph – argument to support your claim

1. Topic sentence supporting your claim
2. Three (3) reasons to support your claim

Third paragraph – counterclaim (the opposite of your claim)

1. Topic sentence to argue the counterclaim

(Hint: Some people may feel that …….)

 2. Two (2) reasons to support the counterclaim

Fourth paragraph

1. Restate your claim

(Hint: Miss Narwin (should/should not) have taken a leave of absence).

1. Summarize your arguments

(Hint: As stated earlier…..)

1. Final thought or comment

(Hint: In conclusion, Miss Narwin,…..)