

Introduction

Thesis: In the movie *Searching for Bobby Fischer*, Bruce is a better chess teacher than Vinnie, which can be shown through his lessons of foresight, strategic application, and past experience.

Three points: teaching foresight, application, and using past experience and models like Bobby Fischer

Body paragraph 1

Topic 1 intro: Bruce teaches Josh to play with foresight and patience.

Counterpoint: Vinnie was able to teach Josh how to think fast and still look ahead.

Dismissal: Thinking fast often leads to tragic errors. In a real game of chess, you must be able to think very far ahead in the game, and this requires taking your time. Even as humans, when we are under pressure and follow our impulse, there is a higher possibility of making mistake in comparison to evaluating what's in front of you before moving on.

Relation: Bruce teaches an essential skill in the game of chess to Josh

Body paragraph 2

Topic 2 intro: Bruce taught strategies and planning

Counterpoint: Vinnie was able to teach creativity and flexibility. "Take the queen out."

Dismissal: Teaching strategies is only part of the job. A successful player like Josh knows how to implement these strategies, and knowing a wide plethora of chess strategies allows Josh to be flexible in choice and still be able to defeat, whereas blindly moving may not help in the long run.

Relation: Strategies and planning are crucial to all chess players. All world-class chess players are able to be flexible and use strategies at the right time, rather than blindly make up something and taking unnecessary risks.

Body paragraph 3

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Thesis: In the film *Searching for Bobby Fischer*, the lessons and teaching methods of strict, solemn Bruce Pandolfini can be compared those of Vinnie, a hustler who plays speed chess at the park.

Three points: foresight and patience, strategic planning, and teaching method using experience

Body Paragraph 1

Topic 1 intro: One of the main contrasting lessons taught by Bruce is the art of foresight and patience in a game of chess. In contrast, Vinnie plays along with the game, and doesn't think about each move, hitting the timer within seconds after Josh does.

Counterpoint: One might question the difference, due to the fact that Vinnie plays speed chess, which doesn't allow time to think ahead of a chess game, therefore unjustly states that Vinnie doesn't have patience or foresight.

Dismissal: Vinnie's personality is similar to that of his chess-playing. Even in his life, he goes with the wind, and is described to be a drug addict. Vinnie chooses to play speed chess because he finds patience and foresight of less importance.

Relation: Although both teach the art of chess, the approach towards a game of chess is taught differently.

Body Paragraph 2

Topic 2 intro: Both teachers also emphasize strategy. In the film, Bruce takes on a more methodical, by-the-book approach towards the placement of chess pieces, whereas Vinnie follows his gut and uses high-risk moves to scare his opponent. Bruce insists, "don't move until you see it," emphasizing playing the board, while Vinnie opposes this, saying that he should "play the man, not the board." However, both are equally useful tools to win a game of chess. (teaches creativity??)

Counterpoint: Josh uses Vinnie's method in the last chess tournament, and ends up having his queen taken, whereas in the last set of moves, he thinks like Bruce, and is able to capture and win the game.

Dismissal: Although Josh was able to win Jonathan Poe using Bruce's method, Vinnie's philosophy of defeating psychologically is not completely useless. Even Jonathan Poe uses this tactic in the last chess tournament, where it is pointed out that he "lets his time run, trying to psych Josh out."

Body Paragraph 3

Topic 3 intro: Lastly, Bruce tries to fit Josh into the mold of Bobby Fischer by drawing on past experiences, telling him the right and the wrong, whereas Vinnie let's Josh figure out who he is as a chess player.

Counterpoint: Bruce merely teaches Josh strategies and tactics to be implemented in chess-play. Vinnie also taught Josh to follow his instincts and make bold, risky moves.

Dismissal: The fact is that Bruce actually saw the talent of Josh, and has always wanted to play like him. He described Josh as Bobby Fischer's "successor." "Your son creates like Fischer. He sees like him inside."