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First Quarter—"The Lady or the Tiger?"

Argumentative Essay

The conclusion of "The Lady or the Tiger?" is open-ended, meaning the readers must decide what happened for themselves. Do you think the youth opened the door to the lady or the tiger? Use information from the text, such as the princess' thoughts, to support your choice. Remember you must choose one side; you cannot support both choices.

Write an argumentative essay in your own words supporting either side of the debate in which you argue that the princess led the youth to the tiger OR the lady. Use at least one direct quotation from the text in each body paragraph. You must also include a counter-argument in the third body paragraph. **Remember to cite the evidence correctly by giving credit to the author, Frank R. Stockton, or the story's title.**

Now write your argumentative essay. Be sure to:

- Introduce your claim.
- Support your claim with logical reasoning from the texts.
- Acknowledge and address alternate or opposing claims.
- Organize the reasons and evidence logically.
- Use words, phrases, and clauses to connect your ideas and to clarify the relationship among claims, counterclaims, reasons, and evidence.
- Establish and maintain a formal style.
- Provide a concluding paragraph that supports the argument presented.
- Check your work for correct usage, grammar, spelling and capitalization.