



SCHOOL VIOLENCE PREVENTION DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM

JACOB HAVE I LOVED

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Sara Louise Bradshaw lives her life in the shadow of her beautiful twin Caroline. Unsure of who she is or who she wishes to become, Sara Louise sees Caroline as an “enemy”—someone who takes from her the love of their parents, her only friend and hope for a future off the small island on which they live. Set off the coast of Maryland during World War II, the novel portrays individual, family and community values and concerns.

We the People: The Citizen & the Constitution

- Connections to middle school text
Lesson 3: Common Welfare vs. Self-Interest

Writing Prompt Planning

1. Think about what you want to write.
2. Reread the prompt to make sure you are writing about the topic.
3. Make notes. Use your prewriting skills, such as mapping or outlining.
4. Carefully read the five statements below the prompt.

Writing prompt

When the family experiences financial problems, Sara exercised self-interest when she kept her fifty dollars and never told anyone that she had it stashed away. Write to persuade the reader that Sara did the right thing in exercising self-interest or that she should have thought about the common welfare of her family.

As you write your paper, remember to

- take a position of either self-interest or common welfare and defend your position;
- include specific facts, details, and examples which support the position you select;
- present your ideas in a clear and logical order, including an introduction, body, and conclusion;
- use a variety of words and well-constructed sentences;
- correct any errors in grammar, mechanics, and spelling.