

# Personal Research Essay Notes

# One Thought

- Jim Rome Theory
  - Have a take and don't suck
- Say something
- Invest yourself
- Push your understanding of yourself and of the world

# Intro

- Bring us in – Open big – Hear your voice
  - Disney Model
  - Halo Effect
- Good Form
  - Imagery or anecdote
  - Transition and connection to Chris's story
  - Thesis or question

# Body Paragraph

- MELCON
  - Main Idea
  - Example
  - Explanation
  - Conclusion
- Use this structure to frame your paragraphs

# Outro

- Good Form
  - Recap ideas
  - Make connections/extensions
  - Use rhetoric
    - Imagery/Anecdotes/Allusions/Repetition
  - Make final big idea
  - Introspection \* Connection \* Extension

# Text Support

- Use quotes and examples to show and explain your statements – Embed quotes within your sentences
- Good Form
- Krakauer calls Walt “overbearing” and “accustomed to taking the shots” (Krakauer 105). When these traits are added to Walt’s tendency to almost reflexively take control of a situation and his “famous temper” (Krakauer 105) that has been described by family members as extremely volatile, one can determine the bitter reality that Walt was an abusive father.

# Ticky Tack

- Pronoun Agreement
  - Bad Ex. When someone does..., they...
  - Good Ex. When one does..., one...
- Commas vs. Semicolons
  - Good Ex. Bob walked the dog, and Carol cleaned the house.
  - Good Ex. He loved to run; he loved outdoors.
- Literary Present
  - Good Ex. Chris travels to Alaska in order to...

# Things Not to Say

- One reason that...
- I believe that...
- In my opinion...
- There are...
- Is that
- Use active voice – S\*V\*O structure
- Avoid is/was as verbs