**Sample AXES Essay**

**Read Beth Cassavell’s short story titled “The Man in the Casket.” In a well-written essay, explain how the author’s diction creates a disrespectful tone** **toward the narrator,** **and use textual evidence to support your response.**

**First of all, what is the prompt asking you to do?**

1. **Read “The Man in the Casket”**
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**So, what is AXES?**

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| **Assertion** | An assertion makes a thoughtful and precise claim and fully addresses the prompt. This is where you give your opinion (without using the pronoun “I”) on what you will analyze further in your essay. Your assertion must be supported by your evidence. If it is not, you need to rewrite your assertion. |
| **eXample** | Examples support the assertion and demonstrate understanding of the content. (This resembles the evidence and context sections of our journals). Here is where you will introduce your evidence, embed the quotation, and cite your evidence correctly. |
| **Explanation** | The explanation of your evidence should be insightful and show your own analysis of the evidence. Here is where you defend why your example supports your assertion. |
| **Synthesis** | This is where you connect and support the importance of your assertion. Here is where you can make a connection to real life or the author’s purpose. |

**We are going to write a model essay together to demonstrate the disrespectful tone the author has toward the narrator. Then, on your own, you will repeat the “X” and “E” of AXES to find an additional example of the author’s tone.**

**Let’s write the assertion!**

**In \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**  **is portrayed as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**through Cassavell’s use of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**Now we need to find our evidence! Write the evidence below. Make sure to cite it!**

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**What is going on around this quote? (context)**

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**How does the evidence we chose prove the author’s tone toward the narrator is disrespect?**

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**Finally, we need to tie all of this together. Why does the author choose a disrespectful tone for the narrator? (Our focus here is author’s purpose.)**

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