English 7 – Bystander, Open Response Question #2

OPTION ONE

Does James Preller realistically portray seventh grade life in his novel, *Bystander*? Identify three specific moments from the text and discuss whether or not you think they are realistic based on your own observations and experiences.

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| Claim: an opening sentence that answers the question and includes the title and author of the book | | |
| Piece of Evidence #1: General topic: | | |
| details from the book | details from your own life | how this evidence connects to your claim |
| Piece of Evidence #2: General topic: | | |
| details from the book | details from your own life | how this evidence connects to your claim |
| Piece of Evidence #3: General topic: | | |
| details from the book | details from your own life | how this evidence connects to your claim |
| Closing sentence that summarizes the information in your paragraph and (challenge task!) suggests at the importance of this as a general topic of consideration: | | |

OPTION TWO – Challenge

Compare James Preller’s depiction of seventh grade life with another text that you read recently that also depicts middle school life. In your opinion, which author portrays middle school life more realistically? Use specific examples from both texts and from your own experiences to support your claim.

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| Claim: an opening sentence that answers the question and includes the title and author of the book | | | |
| General topic #1: | | | |
| details from book 1 | details from book 2 | details from your own life | how this evidence connects to your claim |
| General topic #2: | | | |
| details from book 1 | details from book 2 | details from your own life | how this evidence connects to your claim |
| Closing sentence that summarizes the information in your paragraph and (challenge task!) suggests at the importance of this as a general topic of consideration: | | | |