

## **Example Body Paragraphs – “Number the Stars” Essay**

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Overall claim – Peter Nielsen was a very brave character, and without him and the other Resistance fighters, the Nazi occupation of Denmark would have been much different.

### **Body Paragraph 1**

Reason – Peter showed bravery in many of his acts for the Resistance, even after a terrible loss in his life.

Paragraph –

First, Peter showed bravery in many of his acts for the Resistance, even after a terrible loss in his life. His fiancée, Lise Johansen, was killed by the Nazis, because they found out about her work for the Resistance, and attacked one of the secret Resistance meetings that she and Peter were involved in. Peter managed to escape the Nazis’ attack, but it was too late for Lise, who got hit by a Nazi car. Lise’s sister, Annemarie was unaware of how Lise was killed, until their father explained, “From the military car, they saw her running, and simply ran her down” (page 131). Despite this loss, Peter gathered all of his courage and went on more dangerous missions for the Resistance.

### **Body Paragraph 2**

Reason – One of the risky activities that Peter performed was when he led a group of Jewish people to Uncle Henrik’s fishing boat.

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Later, one of the risky activities that Peter performed was when he led a group of Jewish people to Uncle Henrik’s fishing boat. Uncle Henrik was a fishing boat captain who helped Jewish people escape to Sweden, by allowing them to hide in a secret compartment he built underneath his fishing boat, so they would not be seen by the Nazis. On page 81, “‘Now,’ Peter said, looking at his watch, ‘I will lead the first group. You, you, and you.’ He gestured to the old man and the young people with their baby.” Peter led this group to Uncle Henrik’s fishing boat, which requires lots of bravery. If the Nazis found out about this, the punishment could be imprisonment, or even worse, death.

### **Body Paragraph 3**

Reason – One of Peter’s dangerous acts was when he told scientists and doctors about the Nazi dogs being trained to sniff around humans and find where they are hidden.

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In addition, another one of Peter’s dangerous acts was when he told scientists and doctors about the Nazi dogs being trained to sniff around humans and find where they are hidden. All of the Resistance members and fishing boat captains were extremely worried, thinking that this would prevent the Jewish people from escaping Sweden. Peter was the brave one who told the scientists and doctors about the issue. “Uncle Henrik explained to Annemarie, ‘...they have created a special drug. I don’t know what it is. But it was in the handkerchief. It attracts the dogs, but when they sniff it, it ruins their sense of smell. Imagine that!’ ” (page 125) Each fisherman received one of these handkerchiefs and used them to numb the dogs’ sense of smell, when the dogs came to sniff the boats. That stopped the Jews from being smelled by the dogs. Peter showed bravery, because he was the one that informed the scientists and doctors about the problem. Coming up with such chemicals during wartime is very risky. The Nazis could have easily found out, since they closely inspect everything.