

Example Introduction Paragraph – “Number the Stars” Essay

Name:

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.

Intro Paragraph

Peter Neilsen and other Resistance fighters from “Number the Stars”, by Lois Lowry, showed lots of bravery while the Nazis occupied their country, Denmark. The Nazi occupation took place during World War II in the 1940s. Like all Resistance fighters, Peter risked his life performing dangerous activities to save the lives of Jewish people. Even after the Nazis killed his fiancée because of her work with the Resistance, Peter continued to perform tasks for the Resistance. If Peter and the other Resistance members were not there to organize the Danish Jews’ escape to Sweden, many of the Danish Jews would not have survived. Peter was also responsible for crucial information being passed to scientists and doctors that helped the Jewish people survive. Peter Neilsen was a very brave character, and without him and the other Resistance fighters, the Nazi occupation of Denmark would have been much different.

Intro Checklist

- Starts by giving a quick summary of what your book is about
- Mentions the title and the author
- States all 3 reasons that will later be explained in the 3 body paragraphs
- Ends by stating the overall claim of the essay