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Based on the evidence presented, was Adnan Syed rightfully or wrongfully convicted of first degree murder?

Adnan Syed was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ convicted.

**Brainstorm:**

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| Reason 2 | Evidence |
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| Reason 3 | Evidence |
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| **INTRODUCTION** |
| **Hook:** Get the reader’s attention*Ideas:* Give an interesting fact/statistic/quoteTell an anecdote (story) | Looking at the judicial system today, it is easy to see |
| **Frame:** Give background information on Adnan’s case and convictionGive background on the podcast | Adnan Syed was*Serial* is about  |
| **Counterargument**: What do opponents think? | Although the prosecution/defense believesthe truth is |
| **Thesis:** Was Adnan rightfully or wrongfully convicted? | By looking atit is evident thatbecause |

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| **Body Paragraph 1** |
| Convince the reader by using **LOGOS**Sentence starters:\_\_\_\_\_\_ states, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.The court found \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.According to the police, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_. | Assertion: |
| Context: |
| Evidence: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ states, “ “ (Ep , Koenig, pg \_\_). |
| Analysis:  |
| Context: |
| Evidence: *Same as above* |
| Analysis:  |
| **Body Paragraph 2** |
| Convince the reader by using **PATHOS**Sentence starters:Imagine that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Many people today struggle with… | Assertion: |
| Context: |
| Evidence: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ states, “ “ (Ep , Koenig, pg \_\_). |
| Analysis:  |
| Context: |
| Evidence:  |
| Analysis:  |

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| **Body Paragraph 3** |
| Convince the reader by using **ETHOS**Sentence starters:According to the experts, \_\_\_\_. Those invested time in studying this case have found \_\_\_\_\_\_\_.\_\_\_\_\_ would agree, stating, “…” | Assertion: |
| Context: |
| Evidence: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ states, “ “ (Ep , Koenig, pg \_\_). |
| Analysis:  |
| Context: |
| Evidence:  |
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| **CONCLUSION** |
| **Restate Thesis:** Find new language to describe your claim. |  |
| **Restate Case Summary:** Review major plot points of the case | In review,  |
| **Summarize main points**  | Above all, remember that  |
| **Call to Action:** What do you want the jurors to do with the information you presented?What should change about the judicial system? |  |

After you type you essay, check your work:

* Does my thesis answer all parts of the question?
* Do my assertions support a specific part of my thesis?
* Does my evidence clearly prove my assertion?
* Does my context give the needed background information for the evidence?
* Have I explained what the evidence means AND how it proves my assertion?
* Have I effectively utilized ethos, pathos, and logos to convince the reader?
* Did I correctly punctuate appositive phrases?
* Did I properly cite text evidence including evidence tags, quotation marks, and parenthetical citations?