

Examples for SAT Essays

Scandals & Negative Stuff

Enron Case

CEO, Founder: Kenneth Lay

CEO @ time of scandal: Jeffrey Skilling

Screwed up the Arthur Andersen (one of the top 5 accounting firms)

Exxon Valdez oil spill

ExxonMobil responded inadequately, and was very slow; after the incident they renamed the tanker so that it no longer bears the name 'Exxon' and put the tanker under the charge of a separate subsidiary that had a separate charter and minimal ability to compensate for damage if similar accident occur again.

Positive Stuff

Schindler's List

Oskar Schindler, a german businessman who uses his contacts and network to help save thousands of german jews during the Holocaust (by claiming that they were essential workers for his factory which helps support the German war effort); he uses his own fortune to bribe and transport 'his jews' to safer locations and prevent them from being sent to extermination camps.

Wilm Hosenfeld

Nazi German officer who saved many polish during WWII, most famously, he not only let Władysław Szpilman, the polish pianist continue living after he found him, he brought food for him periodically, sustaining his life.

The Chorus

Clement Mathieu, the supervisor in the corrective school for problematic boys helps improve discipline by reaching out to them through music, getting them to form a choir and singing his original compositions. He is kind to the boys unlike the sadistic headmaster who believes that the students are beyond hope and can only be discipline with violent corporal punishment.

Hotel Rwanda

Paul Rusesabagina, a Hutu hotel manager who made use of his connections to shelter more than a thousand Tutsis and moderate Hutus from the Interahamwe militia who were attempting genocide on the Tutsis.

Cynthia F. Cooper

An accountant in Worldcom, who conducted a secret thorough investigation on her company and then reported the firm's act of phony book-keeping (to cover up losses) to the audit committee; thus exposing the Worldcom scandal